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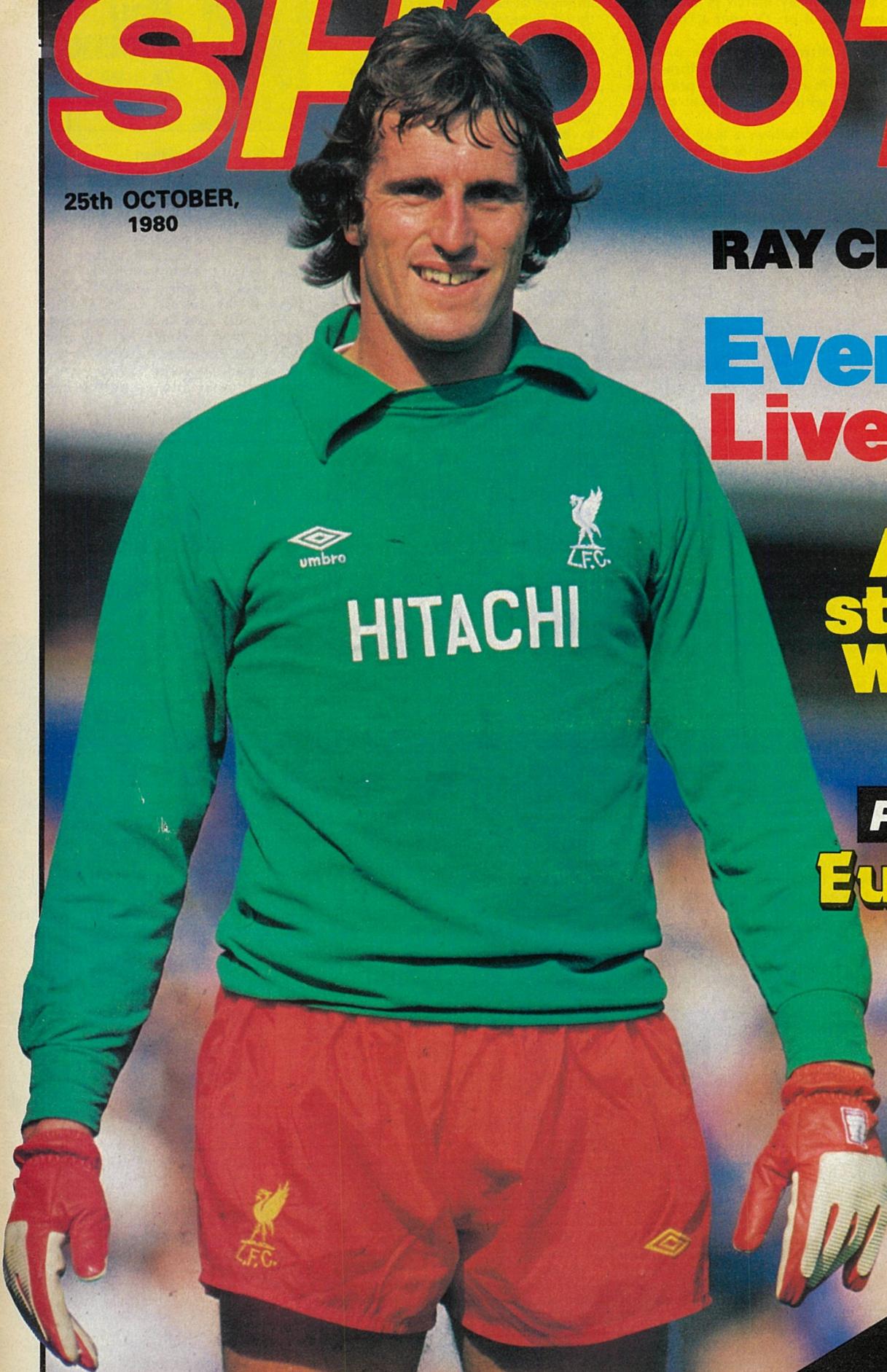
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SHOOT! VIEW!

At a time when money speaks volumes in football and the big city clubs, boosted by large gates and flourishing bank balances, have a distinct advantage over their less fashionable rivals, it is pleasing to note that Ipswich Town have been leading the pack at the top of the First Division.

Liverpool, Everton, Aston Villa, Southampton, Arsenal and Manchester United were trailing in Ipswich's wake after their jet-propelled start to the season.

Their outstanding contribution to the League Championship is most welcome in a season marred already by unhappy incidents.

The most significant aspect of Ipswich's achievement is that they have risen to the top after successfully avoiding the pitfalls which seem to confront the clubs short in soccer tradition and revenue.

Ipswich do not operate in a part of the country steeped in soccer history. Their doorstep is less than ten minutes by car from the green pastures of East Anglia. Their pedigree is largely undistinguished. They were formed in 1887 but not until Adolf Hitler started laying plans to take charge of the Western World in the 1930's did they turn professional.

Their average home gate rarely exceeds 20,000. They cannot afford to indulge in transfer deals commanding large sums of money, always careful to balance the books in their rare excursions into the transfer market.

Celebration

They have won the League Championship once and their only other major celebration came in 1978 when they defeated Arsenal to clinch the F.A. Cup.

So why all the euphoria about their match-winning exploits in the First Division this season? Simple. They have defied the odds to set an example to clubs whose status is far more impressive on paper than Ipswich Town's.

They have won the respect of every soccer fan in the country in their quest for their second First Division title in 19 years.

It is a tribute to the efforts of every member of the club from chairman Patrick Cobbald at the top to the attractive lady who waits on tables in the club's impressive restaurant.

A vein of supreme professionalism courses through the club. They have arguably the best manager in the country in Bobby Robson; a highly talented coaching and scouting staff; a squad of superb players, including a first team of ten internationals; and a loyal group of well-behaved supporters who are welcome wherever the club travels.

Ipswich Town deserve their success. They are a credit to football.

THE only time I enjoy a Mersey-side derby match is when I'm watching it on TV after a Liverpool win.

The 90 minutes on the pitch is about as pleasurable as thrashing about inside a huge pressure-cooker with a loudspeaker on full volume.

And that follows a long build-up to test the nerves of the most seasoned campaigner.

This Saturday sees the first League clash of the season between us and Everton, and because of The Blues' great start, which has placed

It's Derby Day on

Some Liverpool fans will be annoyed at my praise for their traditional "enemies", but Mick Lyons and his men served up a very entertaining brand of football.

The partisanship on Merseyside needs to be experienced to be believed. Football up here is almost like a religion, and everyone seems to be a diehard follower of one team or the other. If there's a neutral around, I've yet to meet him.

For players, the tension can reach unbearable proportions, especially the Everton lads now. Because of their recent results, they're



Ray Clemence
TALKING
SOCCER

play their best football.

The highest compliment I can pay the opposition from over the road is that their present style resembles that of Liverpool: attacking moves patiently built up from the back, with only the occasional hopeful long ball to the front-runners, and a never-give-up spirit which lasts for the full 90 minutes.

Not only have they improved in attack, their defence has become adept at closing down spaces, denying opponents room to move, and hustling them into giving the ball away.

In goal, Jim McDonagh has been

Ray Kennedy goes close for Liverpool against Everton during last season's 2-1 victory.

'TENSION CAN BE UNBEARABLE'

them firmly in the Championship race, the spotlight on the big match at Goodison Park has focussed earlier than usual.

In fact, ever since Everton's two 5-0 wins in succession against Crystal Palace and Coventry.

Ten goals in the space of eight days provides a great boost for a team preparing to meet its biggest rivals and current Champions.

This particular Everton team is, in my opinion, the best they've had since the club won the Championship in 1970, their last honour.

I went along to watch them against West Bromwich Albion in the League Cup, and although they lost 2-1, they really impressed me with their enthusiasm, skill, and the way in which they worked for each other.

expected to capture both points at Goodison and confirm themselves as Champions elect.

But what must be taken into account is our good record at Goodison, where we've done well over the past eight years, including a 2-1 win last March.

I know I'll be accused of bias when I say that Anfield, our home, beats Goodison for atmosphere and spectating. The roofing of Anfield's stands extends to the edges of the pitch, holding in the crowd noise, unlike that at Goodison.

But the pitch certainly measures up to Anfield's, and at this stage of the season will allow both teams to



Peter Eastoe leaves Wolves' keeper Paul Bradshaw stranded as he scores in Everton's 2-0 victory.

CONFIDENCE

That's the key to Everton's revival

EVERTON'S re-emergence as a footballing force is due entirely to one factor — confidence.

And Liverpool could well feel the brunt of Everton's rejuvenated form when the two Mersey giants clash at Goodison Park this Saturday.

Away from the match day work you need look no further than a board of directors who had confidence in their manager, despite repeated pressure, rumour and call for his departure last season.

Everton finished bottom of those clubs that stayed in the First

Division. No one at once proud Goodison Park was hiding the fact that the season, despite an F.A. Cup Semi-Final appearance, had been a disaster.

But now the club is thrusting for the League Championship with Ipswich, Liverpool and Aston Villa.

Manager Gordon Lee made a brave decision at the start of this campaign to play a collection of untried, but trusted youngsters. Steve McMahon, who at 18, made his League debut at Sunderland on the opening day of the season. Joe McBride, a 19-year-old Scottish

youth international, who had made limited appearances the previous season. Full-back Kevin Ratcliffe and another Scottish striker, Graeme Sharp.

Sharp and Ratcliffe have since been left out as John Bailey, the supporters' Player of the Year, and Peter Eastoe have re-established themselves.

And Eastoe's form is indicative of what is happening at Goodison Park.

Confidence is the key. "I can't wait to play these days," says Eastoe, who has regained his goal touch. "There was a time when I first came to the club that I was frightened of playing at home. Now that has all changed."

And you can not discount the efforts of Everton's compact engine room, Asa Hartford.

Merseyside... Everton v. Liverpool



Discarded at Maine Road by Malcolm Allison and by Brian Clough at Nottingham Forest within a 63-day spell, Hartford found it difficult to settle at Everton last season.

But now his form has been a revelation. "I've surprised myself," says Hartford. "I'm usually a slow starter. But I feel that my early season form has been as good as anything I can produce. Everton are my priority. We must make amends for what went on last season."

Hartford's partner in the midfield is Steve McMahon. Less than four years ago he was a ball-boy at Goodison Park. He took Andy King's shirt at the start of the season and made such an impact that King was sold to Queens Park Rangers.

The changes have undoubtedly

paid dividends. After losing their first two away games 3-1 at Sunderland and 4-0 at Ipswich, Everton have silenced their critics in real style.

Winners at Aston Villa, the goals have since flooded in, with successive 5-0 victories at home to Crystal Palace and away to Coventry, with former England centre-forward Bob Latchford rediscovering his goal touch with five in those two games.

And typical of the more professional attitude at the club is the refusal of anybody at Goodison to

Steve McMahon and Bob Latchford have played vital roles in the re-emergence of Everton.

turning in performances that justify his being bought from Bolton in the close season.

Jim has only conceded one

'We have a good record at Goodison'

League goal at Goodison this season — something he may not be able to claim after Saturday.

Relationships between the two teams are excellent and some close friendships have been forged. Mick Lyons, one of the rare members of the staff to have been around Goodison long enough to be granted a testimonial, co-hosts a Sunday radio programme with me.

Mick is a really sound man, the sort who can be counted on in any situation, the ideal choice for captain. He may not be a stylist, but he's a sportsman, never giving less than 110 per cent.

He's so unselfish he'll play in any position, even at the expense of his own game, which is playing in the centre of the back-four.

For me the man most responsible for Everton's improvement on the field is Peter Eastoe, the "missing link". Peter plays a similar role to that of our Kenny Dalglish: either holding the ball until support arrives or laying it off quickly and accurately.

'Peter Eastoe — their missing link'

He and Bob Latchford, brought back into the side, form a combination to test any back-four, including ours.

The man who deserves most credit at Goodison, however, is one whose head looked ready for the block several times in recent seasons — manager Gordon Lee. He's had to suffer as a succession of "buys" have failed to live up to his expectations.

I have tremendous respect for Gordon, a man of courage as he

showed when he appeared at a sports forum at the Everton Supporters Club.

For two hours he stood up to a barrage of questions, many from fans disappointed at his failure to restore former glories.

Now it looks as though Gordon is on the verge of achieving his declared ambition of "Building a team of players who want nothing more than to play in a blue shirt."

Although Gordon is under pressure as the tension mounts towards Saturday's derby, our own manager Bob Paisley has been the more worried — simply because two-thirds of the Liverpool team were away on international duty.

Apart from those of us with England, there were Steve Heighway with Eire; Kenny Dalglish, Alan Hansen and Graeme Souness with Scotland, and Ian Rush with Wales.

Bob has had his fingers crossed for us to come through unscathed.

Talking of our Scottish internationals, we'll be lining up against three more in the Second Round of the European Cup next week when we travel to Aberdeen.

After Nottingham Forest were beaten in the First Round, it seems ironic that we should still be paired with another British club at such an early stage of the competition.

We have never met The Dons before in Europe, but have previously faced Celtic and Hibs. We are all well aware of the threat Alex Ferguson's team pose to our ambitions of recapturing Europe's most prized possession.

Gordon Strachan, Alex McLeish and Willie Miller have all performed well for Scotland, and they are sure to set us a few problems when we travel North. But fortunately we will be playing the away leg first, which is the way we prefer things at Anfield.

Wish us luck.

build Saturday's derby game into anything 'special'.

"There will be enough pressure on the players from the supporters without us adding to it," says assistant manager Geoff Nulty. "We have got to treat every game in the same way if we are to get the kind of consistency we need for success.

"Obviously this is an important game because of the current positions of ourselves and Liverpool, but it is no good just being content with winning this game and then relaxing for others."

The derby game may provide some real pointers to the progress that Everton have made.

Lee, a known admirer of Bob Paisley's empire, has styled his side on Everton's neighbours. And what better example to follow?



BRITAIN IN EUROPE



"Naturally we'll be looking to beat Liverpool at Pittodrie and preventing them from scoring. It's a shame that our stadium, superb as it is, can only hold 25,000. We could fill it twice over next week . . ."

Liverpool's Phil Neal, who has played in many England/Scotland clashes, feels The Reds' disappointing form in Finland in the last

MORE THAN

Liverpool (left) and Aberdeen (above right) clash in the European Cup.

WHEN Aberdeen meet Liverpool next week, it will be more than just a European Cup-tie. It's the first time in ten years that the Champions of England and Scotland have met at this level; the last time Celtic did the double over Leeds, winning at Elland Road and Hampden Park.

Ironically, Liverpool's success over the years has been due, to no small extent, to their Scots. The current team includes three of the Scotland squad: Alan Hansen, Graeme Souness and Kenny Dalglish.

Aberdeen also have their international trio: Alex McLeish, Willie Miller and Gordon Strachan. While both clubs would probably have preferred such a meeting to have been later in the competition, the fans — especially those in Scotland — are delighted to have an unofficial British Championship.

The Dons' assistant-manager Archie Knox told us: "If we were looking for ideals, we'd have liked Liverpool in another couple of rounds. But how can we complain?

"The two games promise to be very special. We couldn't have had a harder tie — only by travelling to, say, Russia could we have more problems. Liverpool must be the toughest team to beat.

"I believe we can do it, though. You must have confidence and we

EUROPEAN CUP

Aberdeen v Liverpool

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Waterford v Dinamo Tbilisi
West Ham v Politenica
Timisoara
Haugar v Newport

UEFA CUP

Dundee Utd. v Lokeren
Ipswich v Bohemians
Prague
St. Mirren v St. Etienne

have every reason to think we can overcome Liverpool.

"For a start, we have good players, not just our internationals, but throughout the team. No way will they be overawed by playing at Anfield. The youngsters have come a long way in the past year. It was a boost for Scottish football when Aberdeen won the Premier title and it'd be some shot in the arm if we could topple Liverpool.

"How do I rate Liverpool? They have players of real quality — what's more, these players still

have the ambition to win things. Tactics and organisation are important, but in the end it's all down to players.

"I particularly like Kenny Dalglish. But all their players are top class.

"I was pleased with the discipline we showed against Austria Memphis in the First Round. It was Aberdeen's first taste of European Cup football and we did well.

round may not have been a bad thing.

He says: "Our poor display against OPS Palloseura of Finland in the First Round, first-leg tie proved to be a blessing in disguise. Because if we had met Aberdeen in the First Round and played as we did in Finland, the Scottish Champions would have murdered us.

"People wondered how we could be held to a 1-1 draw out there then hammer them 10-1 two weeks later at Anfield. One word provides the answer — application.

"The boss, Bob Paisley, gave us such a verbal rocket for the way we played in Finland that we were determined to make amends in the



West Ham defeat Castilla in the Cup-Winners' Cup at a deserted Upton Park.



second-leg. The poor Finns suffered the backlash.

"But Aberdeen will be a different proposition. They are the first team in Scotland to really threaten Celtic and Rangers for the top spot, and after winning the title last season, they are still going great guns at the moment."

"Liverpool played Austria Memphis of Vienna in a pre-season

although after knocking Slask Wroclaw for seven, The Tangerines will fancy their chances. It's unlikely they'll score seven this time, but they'll be looking for a two-goal lead.

West Ham are happy to still be in the Cup-Winners' Cup. And the fact that they have an unenviable journey to Romania for the return leg with Timisoara will at least rule out the chance of any so-called Hammers fans disgracing the name of the club again.

"I'm pleased that our true fans have the opportunity to see us in Europe," said manager John Lyall after their behind-closed-doors win over Castilla.

Controversy

Lyall has been in touch with Celtic manager Billy McNeill — the Scottish club were controversially beaten by Timisoara in the last round. Mind you, the controversy was caused by the Greek referee more than the Rumanians. West Ham will be hoping Trevor Brook will be fit to play: his expertise will be invaluable.

Irish club Waterford face a long and tiring journey to the Soviet Union to take on Dinamo Tbilisi. Waterford will surely need a good lead to take to Georgia and hopefully the tie will attract a bumper gate. The trip to Tbilisi will be very

expensive; it's one of soccer's ironies that playing in Europe, with all its prestige, can be financially damaging.

A Second Division club from the West Coast of Norway stand between Newport and a place in Round Three. Haugar Haugesun are unlikely to prevent Len Ashurst's boys from advancing.

Ipswich were drawn to play in Prague first. UEFA then ordered the tie to be reversed as Sparta Prague were also drawn at home; Bobby Robson protested, hoping to play Bohemians on the Tuesday night.

His worry is understandable. Ipswich have too often thrown away

their first-leg lead away from home. They almost came unstuck against Aris Salonia this season — they were 0-3 down at one stage and Robson must have been thinking lightning was going to strike a fifth time. Ipswich have lost only once on aggregate since Bobby Robson took over as manager. That was in 1975, when Ipswich surrendered a 3-0 home advantage to FC Bruges.

Loko Leipzig and Barcelona have beaten them on penalties, while FC Twente and Barcelona overcame Town on away goals. Next week sees Robson leading Ipswich in Europe for the 33rd time, looking for win number 19.



A EUROPEAN CUP-TIE

friendly a few years ago and they were a good side then. They are Austrian Champions now, but Aberdeen saw them off.

"In many ways this will be a more difficult match than one against a team from the Continent. The Scots believe that their League is the best. We hold that opinion about the Football League, so it will be a hard-fought and demanding task.

"We underestimate nobody. Aberdeen have proved they are a strong and skilful side. I believe that our below-par form in that first game will turn out to be a blessing in disguise. Anybody hoping to get their hands on a European Cup winners' medal this season will have to get past Liverpool first. And the mood we are in, I don't envy any of them."

Scotland will host three attractive Euro ties. St. Etienne, who were unlucky to lose to Bayern Munich in the 1976 European Cup Final at Hampden Park, travel to Paisley.

Les Verts (The Greens), as they are nicknamed, are probably not as strong as they were four years ago, although with international players such as Johnny Rep and Michel Platini, they are still a force to be reckoned with. In Round One they scored 14 goals against their Finnish opponents; if St. Mirren can beat the French club it will be a tremendous feat.

Dundee United will be up against two familiar faces when Lokeren visit Tannadice: the Poles Wlodek Lubanski and Grzegorz Lato. Lokeren beat Moscow Dynamo in the previous round,

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	8	7	0	1	22	10	14
Hamburger SV	8	5	2	1	17	10	12
1.FC K'lautein	8	5	2	1	13	6	12
Bor. Dortmund	8	4	2	2	19	16	10
Eintr. Frankfurt	8	5	0	3	15	12	10
Mön'gladbach	8	4	2	2	14	12	10
VfL Bochum	8	2	5	1	10	7	9
For. Düsseldorf	8	4	1	3	14	15	9
VfB Stuttgart	8	3	2	3	17	14	8
MSV Duisburg	8	2	4	2	11	10	8
Bayer L'kuson	8	3	1	4	15	14	7
1.FC Cologne	8	2	3	3	15	18	7
Karlsruher SC	8	2	3	3	9	14	7
1860 Munich	8	2	2	4	12	13	6
1.FC Nürnberg	8	2	1	5	14	17	5
Schalke 04	8	1	2	5	14	23	4
Arminia B'feld	8	1	2	5	12	21	4
Bayer Uerdingen	8	0	2	6	9	20	2

Leading scorers: 9 — Burgsmüller (Dortmund); 7 — Volkert (Nürnberg); 6 — D. Müller (Cologne) and Rummennigge (Bayern).

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Etienne	13	9	2	2	31	12	20
Nantes	13	9	9	9	27	14	20
Lyon	13	7	4	2	25	15	18
Bordeaux	13	6	5	2	19	8	17
Paris S-G	13	5	6	2	18	21	15
Monaco	13	5	5	3	25	16	15
Tours	13	5	5	3	24	23	15

Nantes have just established a new record by remaining unbeaten at their Marcel Saupin stadium since May 15th, 1976. St. Etienne held the previous record when they played 83 consecutive League games at their Geoffrey-Guichard stadium without a reverse in a run that lasted from March 25th, 1973 to August 19th, 1977. By the way, Nantes' run only refers to League matches — they were beaten at home by Lille in the French Cup last term, and Dynamo Moscow in the Cup-Winners' Cup.

FINLAND

OPS Palloseura, beaten 10-1 by Liverpool in the European Cup at Anfield, drew 1-1 with Haka to retain the Finnish Championship.

MEXICO

The big surprise on the opening day of the new Mexican season was defending Champions Cruz Azul's 0-1 home defeat by Puebla, whose new signing Pirri was the star of the game. The veteran former Real Madrid sweeper played a decisive role in organising the Puebla defence after Brazilian midfielder Muricy had scored the vital goal just after the break.

STATE OF THE LEAGUES

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Z'goza	5	4	1	0	7	2	9
Valencia	5	4	0	1	12	5	8
At. Madrid	5	3	2	0	12	7	8
Sevilla	5	4	0	1	7	4	8
Sp. Gijon	5	2	3	0	8	4	7
Real Madrid	5	3	0	2	14	6	6

Surprises in the early weeks of the Spanish League, with modest Zaragoza setting the pace... and mighty Barcelona halfway down the League with just four points. Former national team manager Ladislao Kubala, who took over at

Barcelona during the summer, faces an uphill battle to restore the Catalan club to its former glories. Laurie Cunningham's Real Madrid have not really impressed. A good bet for the title are Valencia, whose South American strikers Kempes (Argentina), Morena (Uruguay) and Felman (Argentina) have been in top form.

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	4	3	1	0	5	2	7
Inter	4	3	0	1	11	2	6
Cantazaro	4	2	2	0	5	2	6
Fiorentina	4	2	2	0	5	3	6
Juventus	4	1	2	1	4	3	4
Torino	4	2	0	2	3	3	4

Juventus suffered a rare home defeat when lowly Bologna beat them 1-0. Although Liam Brady hit the woodwork with a free-kick, Juve were disappointing. One journalist remarked: "Juventus only bought one Arsenal player, not the whole team." Bettega and Causio have been under most criticism for their inconsistent performances. Brady, meanwhile, has found Italy to his liking both on and off the field: he announced that his wife Sarah is expecting their first child at the end of the season.

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AZ '67	8	8	0	0	32	7	16
Feyenoord	8	6	1	1	17	5	13
MVV	8	5	2	1	14	9	12
Ajax	8	5	1	2	28	18	11
FC Twente	8	5	1	2	14	11	11

AZ of Alkmaar have made a remarkable start, winning the first eight matches. Not so lucky are PSV. Wolves' U.E.F.A. Cup conquerors haven't found their best form in the League and their English striker Teddy Maybank is still plagued by injury.

Wilson amazed that Leicester signed him

JUST 18 months ago, Leicester midfielder Ian Wilson was a soccer drop-out with Highland League club Elgin City.

But now his boss, Jock Wallace, is tipping him to become Scotland's finest left-sided midfielder in years.

And Wilson has already shown the First Division public that he could complete his rags-to-riches rise with some tremendous displays.

Says Wallace: "People are only beginning to notice Ian now. But I've been talking about him for a year. He's got vision, passes the ball superbly and takes up great attacking positions.

"Mark my words, he'll play for Scotland, and I think he will be a revelation."

The 22-year-old's career started ignominiously enough. Having joined Aberdeen as a teenager he was freed and moved to Dundee. He suffered the same fate at Dens Park and drifted northwards again to join Elgin.

'Accepted'

Even there Ian hardly set the heather on fire. But he says: "I was enjoying my football. I had accepted that I was never going to make it at the top level so I just settled down to my new routine."

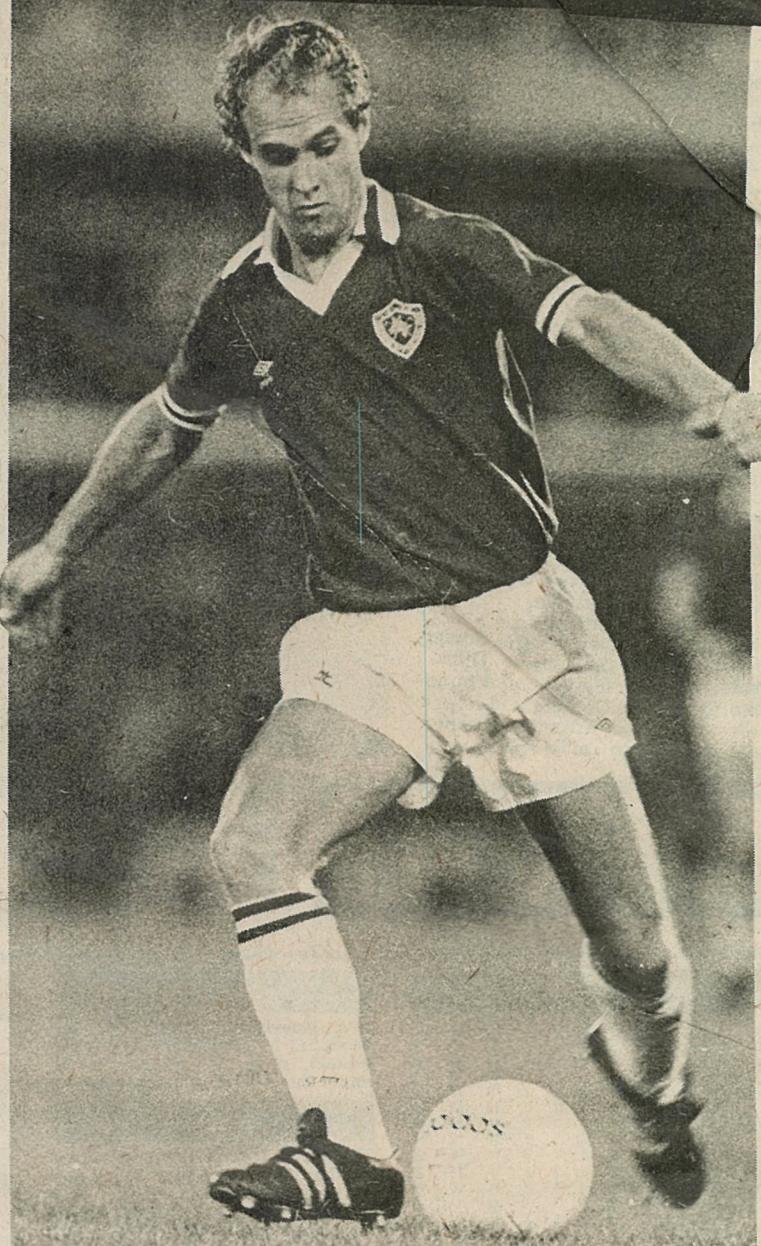
In fact, at times Ian couldn't command a first team place, and it was as substitute for Elgin in a Scottish Cup tie with Wallace's ex-club Rangers that a Leicester scout spotted him.

A couple of months later, Wallace moved in with £20,000 to get his man — and Ian's feet have hardly touched the floor since!

He admits: "If anyone had said to me then that within 18 months I'd be playing against Liverpool in the English First Division I'd have called them a nutcase.

"To be honest, I don't know what Leicester saw in me. But I decided that whatever happened I would give everything I had.

"But having nothing to lose, it



was succeed or bust. Now I think it's fair to say that I'm finally getting somewhere, but my career took a long time to get off the ground."

Wilson, quiet spoken and wispy-haired, was one of the main driving forces behind Leicester's race to the Second Division Championship last season. A great many people predicted disaster for Leicester this season, and though they have had a patchy start, Wallace is convinced his side will come through.

He said: "Potentially we are

League Championship winners. And it's people like Ian Wilson and Dave Buchanan (below) who will take us there. My side is young, but picking up experience every day. Anybody who thinks we will go straight back into the Second Division is talking daft."

And Wilson adds: "We have the players at Leicester, but above all the belief. I can certainly vouch for that. Jock Wallace has turned me from a has-been on the scrap heap to someone who badly wants to win honours. None of us have any fears for the future."



the best.

The City squad, with the exception of a handful, are new to the stresses and strains of the First Division, but they have this total belief in the manager that is born out of respect, not fear.

No one would deny for a second that Jock can be as ruthless or as hard as the next manager when those particular qualities are required but beneath the iron fist image lies a heart of gold!

But before anyone gets the mistaken idea that the big Scot is a soft touch listen to the club record signing Jim Melrose. "He has no time for slackers and will not tolerate anything other than 100 per cent effort. Anyone who cheats will find their feet won't touch the floor on the way out," said Jim.

But at the same time everyone knows that he will stand by you if you're in trouble and that he will always be honest and straight. Those qualities make him a player's manager and, in every sense, a Big Man.

JOCK'S A BIG MAN IN EVERY RESPECT

LEICESTER City manager Jock Wallace is known by friends and opponents alike as Big Man and even his second-in-command Ian MacFarlane, himself no midget at 6ft 2in and 161st, uses the term.

But it's a name used not simply because of the Scot's physique, but also as a measure of respect for outstanding achievement at Filbert Street.

Jock is a Big Man in every way, and his efforts in taking City from the brink of the Third Division to the First Division in two seasons required a special kind of magic.

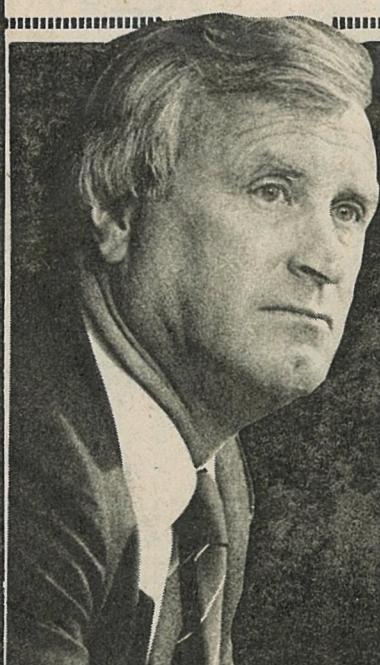
A similar magic, in fact, as was used in re-asserting Rangers' dominance of Scottish football following years in the wilderness.

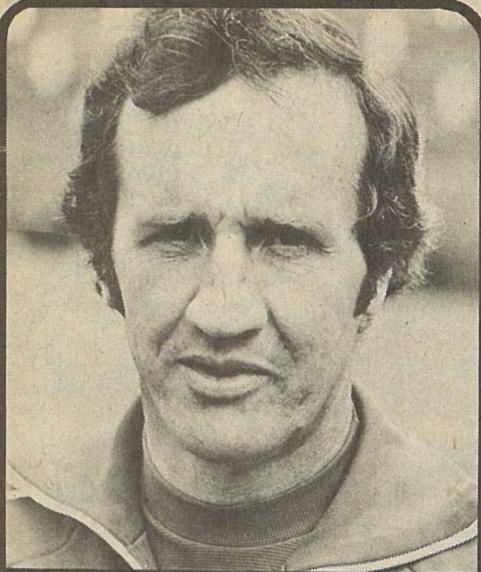
All his life Wallace has been answering the sort of challenge he had at Ibrox and indeed at Filbert Street when he first arrived and now he is faced with another ... making a First Division impact with City.

"I said before a ball was kicked in earnest this season that my target was the Championship and that wasn't bravado or hopeless optimism," said Jock.

"It was a realistic target from my point of view because I always want to be first. You don't get any prizes for being second."

It's that sort of ambition that makes his young City braves sit up and respond and they have shown this season — against Liverpool for example — that they can live with





DOUBLE AGENT

BILL Taylor, reckons he's got the best of both worlds. As coach to the England team he's involved at the very highest level of the game, and as assistant to Jimmy Frizzell at Oldham Athletic he has the chance to try and improve the skills of less gifted mortals.

"A lot of people ask me how on earth I marry the two jobs with England and Oldham, but in all honesty I relish the different challenges.

"In many ways I think I'm more needed with Oldham than I would be with a First Division club, although naturally I hope to help Oldham become a First Division club.

"The players need more coaching at our level and I get a great deal of job satisfaction working with them. That might seem strange to the people who expect England's coach to be with a more glamorous club, but I am perfectly happy with Oldham. It's a nice club," says the man who was number two to Tony Book at Manchester City for so long.

Double agent Taylor admits that the very name Oldham puts a lot of people off straight away: "It does sound grim I must admit, but everybody who comes to Boundary Park is pleasantly surprised.

'Surprise'

"We have made a good start to the season and if we keep plugging away I think we'll surprise a lot more people.

"Last season we couldn't do much right away from home, but we've improved this time, and that's taken pressure off the players. If we lose we don't necessarily drop out of the promotion race, whereas the clubs at the bottom tend to panic even at this early stage of the season.

"Of course it's too early to gauge how things are going to go, but while clubs like Blackburn and ourselves are delighted, and will take some shifting, the Bristol clubs will be rather anxious at already losing touch with the leaders."

Oldham would appear to have made one of the shrewdest foreign buys of all, costing only £8,000.

Ryszard Kowenicki, a Pole who used to play for Widzew Lodz, has created a big impression on the right hand side of midfield, and says Taylor: "We think we've got the bargain of all time with Ryszard. When Kaziu Deyna joined Manchester City, the agent who negotiated the deal told us he had another Polish player who was keen to come to England.

"It was Ryszard and he came to us for two weeks training, and we were so impressed we signed him without even seeing him play in a match. He is quick, has vision, is a good passer of a ball and scores goals. What more can you ask? And at £8,000 he has to be an absolute snip. I wish we could get another two like him."

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WEMBLEY FINAL

THE Finals of the Metropolitan Police Five-A-Side youth football competition will be held at Wembley Arena on Friday, 31st October from 7.15pm-10.15pm.

The Finals involve eight boys' teams in four different age groups, and four girls' teams.

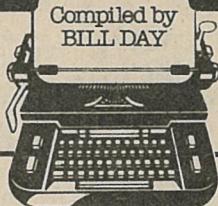
This year's Five-A-Side tournament goes into the next edition of the Guinness Book of Records as the largest football competition ever run. More than 50,000 youngsters have participated.

The scheme was launched to improve relations in the capital between police and youngsters.

A YEAR ago David Harvey was described by many judges as the best goalkeeper in the First Division. Since then, however, he's been injured, lost his place at Leeds to young John Lukic, been transferred to Vancouver Whitecaps, come home to Britain, and now he's back at Elland Road, coaching the club's goalkeepers! Talk about life turning full circle.

NEWS DESK

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Television ban angers club

TELEVISION is preventing millions of pounds from coming into football. That is the undeniable conclusion following a recent survey into sponsorship by THE OBSERVER.

The present TV contract bans clubs from displaying sponsors' names during televised games. When the contract ends, it would seem there is only one outcome: clubs will insist that football is brought into line with other sports such as tennis and cricket, where the sponsors are far from banned.

Each League club receives £25,000 from the present contract per year. That, to First Division clubs, is peanuts compared with the money they could get from commercial means.

In West Germany, top clubs receive

around £200,000 per season from sponsors, where there is no ban in relation to TV.

As Liverpool's general secretary points out: "We have a deal with Hitachi, but I can see them not renewing their contract if the TV ban is still in operation." Around half of Liverpool's games are televised.

Many clubs haven't stepped into the sponsorship market, preferring to wait until the current three-year TV agreement runs out.

The feeling amongst clubs is that if the television authorities won't go along with their demands, then there will be no televised soccer. Financially, the game could be as much as £12 million per year better off with no TV and more sponsors.

when he was on offer at £100,000 last season, spent the summer with the New England Teamen in Boston.

Despite struggling to get into the team in the opening matches, he eventually finished with 18 goals and impressed the Teamen so much that they now want to sign him permanently.

His goals in the States sent his value soaring to £150,000 as far as Hartlepool are concerned and it's now up to the Boston club to find the cash.

Newton was happy in the States, but would prefer to go to a League club in England.

Newton favours England

STRIKER Brian Newton is back with Hartlepool, but may not be around the Fourth Division for long.

Newton, who interested several clubs

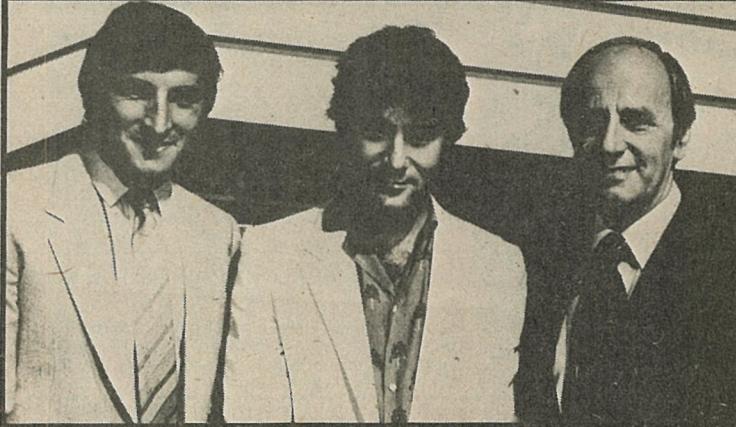
JEFF WAYNE, who wrote all the David Essex hits from 1973-77, takes more than a casual interest in London Weekend Television's "The Big Match".

He wrote the theme music for the Saturday night programme, which attracts an audience of millions.

Born in New York, he won the New Musical Express award for the "Best Produced Record of the Year" after producing "Rock On", a number one international hit.

He also wrote the title track for the movie "Stardust".

Jeff is flanked in the picture by "Big Match" presenters Jim Rosenthal (left) and Brian Moore.



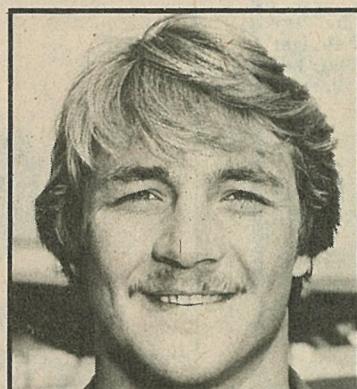
'Cut my fee' pleads Cropley

LEX Cropley, the former Scottish international, is languishing in Aston Villa's reserves and resigned to the fact that he is unlikely to play again for the Birmingham club's first team.

Villa are asking about £80,000 for Cropley, but the ex-Arsenal player believes that if the fee was

reduced to about £60,000 there would be every chance of a move.

Two years ago Cropley broke a leg. He has fully recovered but Villa now have a settled first team squad and Cropley obviously does not fit into manager Ron Saunders' plans. A new club appears to be the only solution.



Hesford spies

IAIN HESFORD (above), the 20-year-old Blackpool goalkeeper, has been attracting a lot of attention recently.

Hesford, born in Ndola, Zambia, is the son of Bob Hesford, the former Huddersfield keeper.

Young Iain, who made his debut for Blackpool against Oldham in August, 1977, will always be grateful for the help he received from Scottish international George Wood, who joined Blackpool from East Stirling in January, 1972, then had a three-year spell at Everton before moving to Arsenal last August.

WAITING in the wings for a recall to West Bromwich Albion's first team is their long serving forward, Tony Brown, who has recently returned from a spell in America.

Brown said: "It took a lot of getting used to playing on the astro-turf and I went 15 games without scoring. But then I clicked and finished with eight goals."

"The standard of play was much better than I expected and it put an edge on my play. I'm still as keen as ever to help Albion and I hope to regain my first team spot."

Travelling man-ager

MANAGING a football club is anything but a nine to five job — just ask Arthur Cox of Newcastle.

He has been clocking up the miles watching night matches in all parts of the country before motoring back to Newcastle in the early hours of the morning.

The proof? His new club car went in for a 2,000 mile service after nine days on the road, an average of more than 220 miles a day.

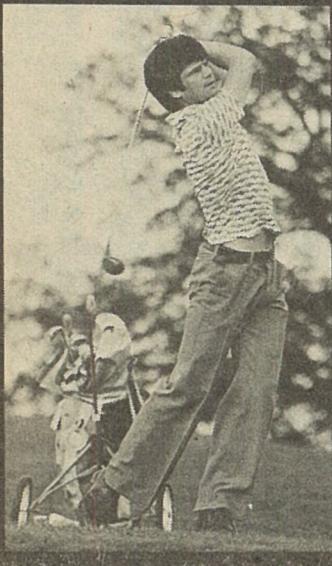
Duncan's comeback

IT has been a long way back to fitness for Derby striker John Duncan. He has recently been playing a few games at a lower level after being forced out of action at Christmas with Achilles tendon trouble.

Duncan, who started his senior career with Dundee, joined Tottenham in October, 1974, for £150,000, moving to Derby for the same figure in September, 1978.

He was one of three players listed by Derby last May after they had been relegated to the Second Division, but Duncan is still keen to get back into the first team reckoning at the Baseball Ground.

Meanwhile, he spends most of his spare time on a golf course.



GILES Stille, a 22-year-old midfielder with Brighton, cannot boast of much senior activity with The Seagulls on the field — but he has not been idle off it.

Stille, who joined Brighton from Isthmian League side Kingstonian in May last year and has had the role of substitute, is a London University student who has taken second degree honours in history. He also has "A" levels for history, economics and English.

'Jimmy' scores with Palace stars



CRYSTAL Palace forwards Mike Flanagan and Neil Smillie are not scoring many goals this season, but they soon "scored" with an exciting new electronic soccer game 'Jimmy' at a launch party in London recently.

Here SHOOT Editor Peter Stewart discusses tactics with Mike and Neil on this specially built demonstration model.

Waddington's presented the pair with the real game, which is now played on the team coach travelling to away matches.

BALLYMENA United ace John Sloan, scorer of the Sky Blues' winning goal in a First Round, first-leg U.E.F.A. Cup-tie against East Germans Vorwaerts this term, is an unashamedly "never on a Sunday" footballer.

The United striker's devoutly religious views saw him turn down the chance of a Sunday representative outing on the Irish League's early-season tour of Canada. But talent-laden John, older brother of Manchester United starlet Tom Sloan and an Irish hero against the Scottish League last term, still managed a mid-week appearance against Canada's World Cup XI, a few days after the Sabbath fixture.

Mike Angus wows 'em

MIKE Angus is the latest outstanding youngster to roll off the conveyor belt at Middlesbrough.

The well-built 19-year-old impressed everybody when he was called into the League team this season because of an injury to Billy Ashcroft.

And he couldn't have picked a tougher match to make his first appearance of the season — the derby against Sunderland at Roker Park.

But he was one of the outstanding players on the field as Boro won 1-0 and staked a claim as the North East's top team.

You can tell how highly Angus is rated at Ayresome Park — he got the nod for the derby ahead of the experienced Irving Nattrass.

FORMER West Ham player, ex-Bournemouth manager and coach to the Singapore FA, Trevor Hartley, has been appointed as coach to Luton Town.

The 33-year-old graduate of the Upton Park soccer academy becomes Luton's third coach. The Hatters run a pool system of coaches and Hartley, who brings the staff back to its former strength following the departure of Ken Gutteridge, will share the all-round coaching for the club with David Coates and John Moore.



JUSTIN FASHANU, the Norwich City and England Under-21 striker, is to star in a British government promotional film.

It shows a day in the life of the First Division player and includes sequences in training, with the fans, relaxing at home, and a match.

The film also highlights Fashanu's love of boxing. The film is being made by the Central Office of Information and when completed will be shown on television around the world.

Briefly...

• Arnold Muhren, the first of Ipswich's pair of flying Dutchmen, won two European Cup winners' medals during his Ajax days in the early 1970's, but did not play in either of the games.

• Halifax Town manager George Kirby obviously believes in keeping it in the family. His latest signings are his own son Simon, who's 17, and 18-year-old striker Simon Bullock, whose dad is club coach Micky Bullock.

• Mick Astbury, a 16-year-old goalkeeper, decided to join York City rather than one of the bigger clubs where he'd had trials, with this comment: "I decided it would be better to start at the bottom and hope to work my way up rather than going to a big club, and I fancied the set-up at York."

• Manchester City believe they have another John

Robertson in their ranks. Malcolm Allison says 17-year-old Steve Kinsey could well develop into a winger in the Robertson mould.

• Hearts players haven't figured in Scotland's international teams over the past years but this omission could soon be rectified. No fewer than three of their young reserves were included in the Scotland Youth squad against Iceland — goalkeeper Ian Westwater, David Bowman and Gary Mackay. Willie Jamieson (Hibs) raised the Edinburgh club representation in the squad to four.

• Things are certainly looking up for Swansea City's Neil Robinson. The player who could only manage 14 appearances last season following his £70,000 transfer from Everton in October, has been showing some confident form this term both at full-back and on the wing.

The 23-year-old Liverpool-born Robinson had to wait over three

months to make his Swansea debut following his signing because he had to undergo a cartilage operation.

• Recent gales which hit Stark's Park, Kirkcaldy, have forced Raith Rovers to dismantle the covered enclosure which ran alongside the main railway line. The gales made the enclosure unsafe and the plans are to replace it.

• Bob Latchford's 11-minute hat-trick against Crystal Palace in Everton's 5-0 win at Goodison Park made him the club's top post-War goalscorer, beating Joe Royle's previous record of 102 League goals.

• The long-time Pat Rice and Sammy Nelson full-back partnership with Arsenal and Northern Ireland is not the only one of its kind in the past two decades. Back in the early and mid-60's, Highbury Ulstermen Jimmy Magill and Billy McCullough formed a similar defensive duo for club and country.

• Arsenal made a profit of £261,067 after tax last year.

Newcastle rival

NEWCASTLE goalkeeper Steve Hardwick (right) couldn't have picked a worse time to pick up the first serious injury of his career.

Just after the arrival of new manager Arthur Cox, Hardwick was showing some of his best-ever form since he arrived at St. James' Park three years ago.

Then a knee injury in training forced him on the sidelines and local lad Kevin Carr stepped in to stake his claim to the first team place.

Ironically, Carr had been first choice at the start of the season, then a thigh strain gave Hardwick the chance to re-establish himself.

The signing of a goalkeeper was one of United's priorities at the start of the season, but the form of Hardwick and Carr is impressing Cox — and leaving him with the sort of selection problem he likes.



'Stop knocking football'

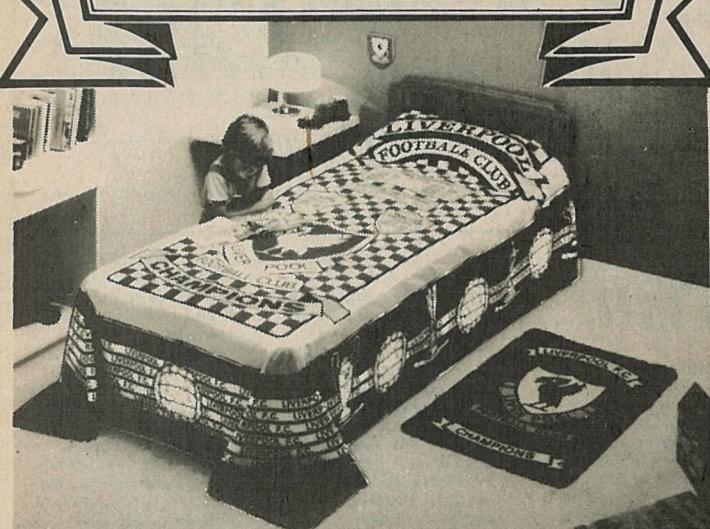
SOUTHAMPTON'S manager Lawrie McMenemy has condemned a television play for showing soccer in a poor light.

"When will they stop knocking the game," sniped McMenemy after watching "The Zoo", a play depicting life at a football club.

"It was hysterical, pathetic and an insult to the people making a living out of the game. It made me wonder just when people are going to stop knocking football."

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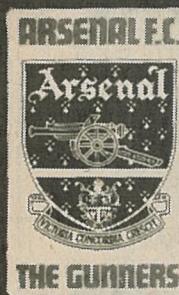
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THEY used to say that home is where the heart is . . . but as from next season, for Scottish football clubs at least, home is where the cash will be.

As from then clubs will keep the home gates, thanks to a decision taken by the chairman of Scotland's senior clubs at a top level talk-in in Glasgow.

And that is a major step in the right direction.

At that meeting the clubs were split badly on many controversial issues, but they showed uniformity that in the League programme at least, teams who play at home should hang on to all the cash which comes via the turnstiles.

To me that is a big step forward, for it means that clubs will be able to do all sorts of things, like allow-



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ing the unemployed and schoolkids in at cut price rates without risking cash that would normally go in the guarantee to the visiting side.

And American style razamazz can come into operation with clubs offering deals with big stores such as: "Buy a ticket for the game and save 25 per cent at Smith's boutique."

In Detroit, for example, I know the local Express had a deal where you could get a free Kentucky fried chicken if you bought a couple of tickets for a match!

These decisions taken by football's overlords are not just simply political. They affect the day to day running of the world's greatest sport and even if your involvement stretches only to the occasional visit to a ground, it still makes a difference.

Meanwhile on a lighter note, allow me to relate a story circulating around Glasgow with yours truly as the victim . . . but pretty funny all

the same.

A well known film star, who must remain nameless, visited the city for a publicity tour about his new autobiography.

As is the style in these things, he took up his position in a big store surrounded by literally hundreds of copies of his book and pen in hand ready to start autographing.

The manager opened the doors expecting people to spill forward . . . but nothing. "I'm very sorry, Mr . . ." said the embarrassed manager, "it's not usually like this. Last week we had Danny McGrain here and the place was mobbed."

Eventually a little old lady wandered into the store and after establishing who the star was and buying a book she said sympathetically: "Not many people around, are there son? Last week when Danny McGrain was here there were thousands."

The final straw came when the tour promoter walked into the

deserted store, looked around in amazement and said: "Where is everybody? They tell me that Danny McGrain did great business here last week."

The film star, who really is a household name, had had enough.

He leapt to his feet and to his eternal credit demanded: "Right. Who is the guy McGrain anyway?"

There's nothing like getting put in your place!

Protested

Finally, I must say I have sympathies with the Scottish FA, who have protested to FIFA about the way tickets are to be distributed for the World Cup Finals in Spain.

Members of the Tartan Army who want to travel to the Finals will have to make their applications through an ENGLISH sports travel company and have to make their hotel bookings through the same firm.

After all, Scotland and England

are separate members of FIFA.

As SFA secretary Ernie Walker said: "Why should we have to deal with a London firm for tickets. It is like Dutchmen having to go to Belgium to get theirs."

"We also feel FIFA have gone right over our heads in this matter and we have no control over who'll finally get the tickets which will certainly be in great demand should we qualify."

And there is another side to this, because fans will have to make their hotel bookings through the same firm.

Surely it is not right that fans can't get tickets from this firm unless they use their travel and accommodation as well.

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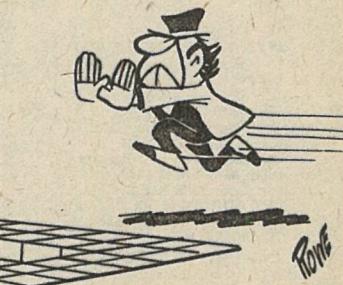
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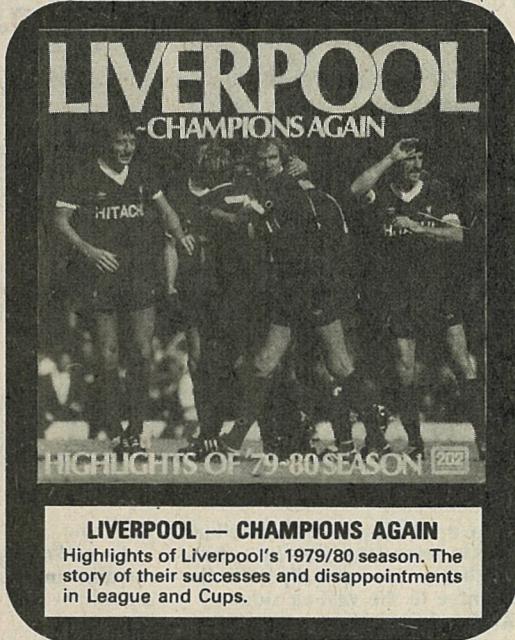
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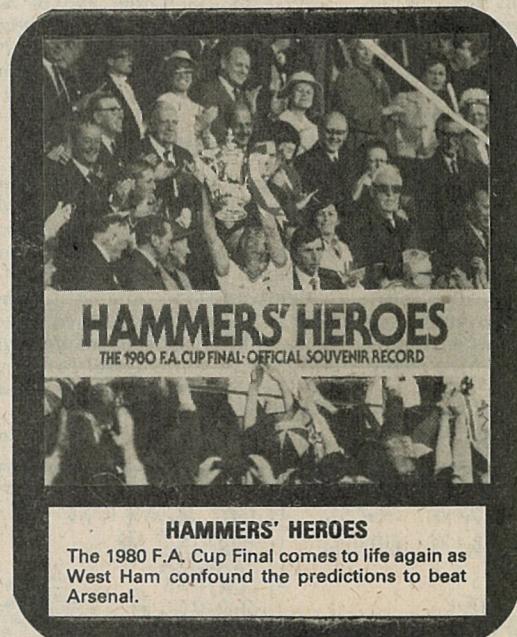
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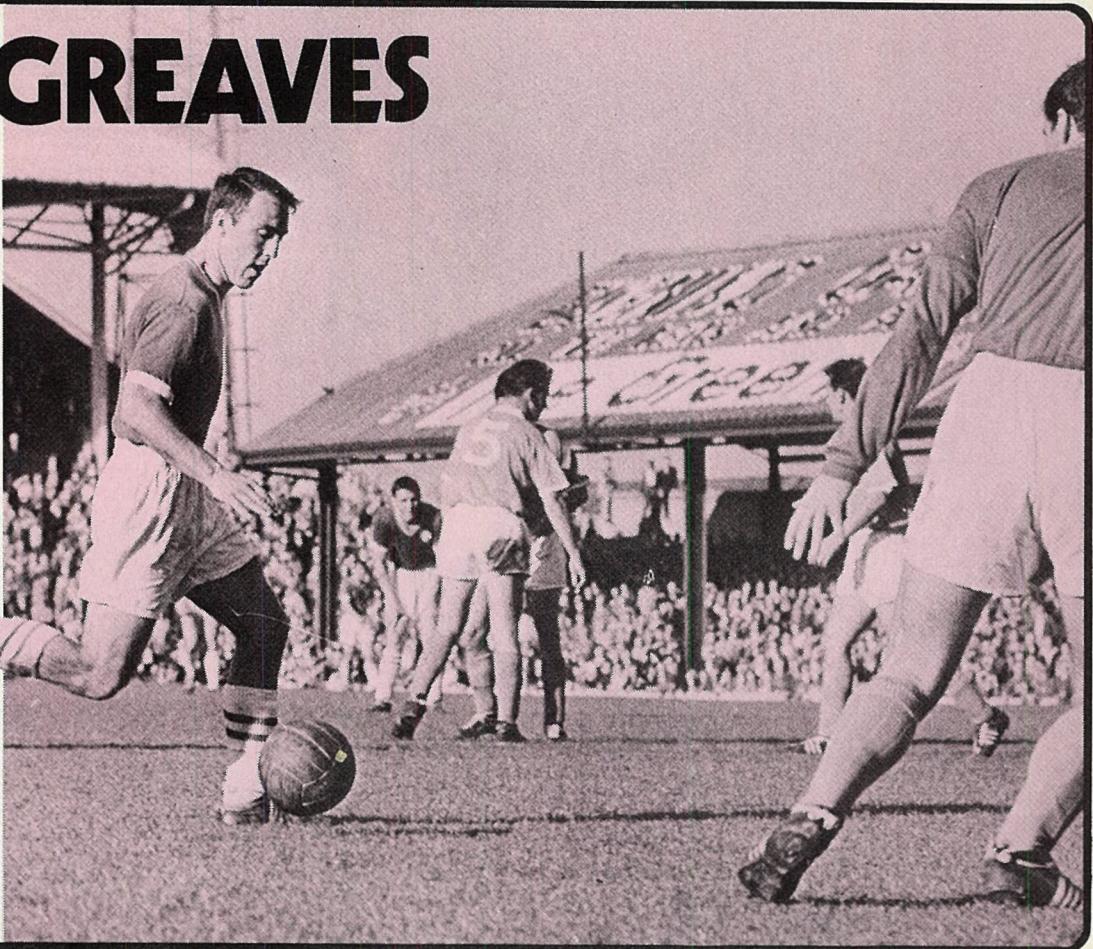
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countless more in vital Cup games, and the only real surprise in his record-shattering nine years at Tottenham was his sudden exclusion from the England side midway through the 1966 World Cup Finals. A brief spell at West Ham was followed by a move out of the Football League to Barnet.



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HUGHIE GALLACHER

POUND for pound this little Scot (he stood only five foot five inches) was the finest centre-forward in football history. Of course there haven't been many centre-forwards as small as this footballing genius and he delighted supporters with the manner in which he gave giant centre-halves the run-around. Gallacher really tormented centre-halves, not only with his trickery and amazing ball control but also with his tongue, for he continually lashed them with verbal abuse. Of course, he was often made to pay for it, and few players could have taken more stick than this temperamental soccer wizard. Queen of the South take credit for discovering him, but he first attracted attention by helping Airdrie win the Scottish Cup in 1924. In 1925 Newcastle United secured his transfer and he quickly became the idol of Tyneside, helping United win the Championship in 1926-27 when he headed their score sheet with 36 First Division goals. One of the famous "Wembley Wizards", Scottish team that humiliated England 5-1 in 1928, he also served Chelsea, Derby County, Notts County, Grimsby Town and Gateshead. 387 goals in 541 Scottish and Football League appearances.

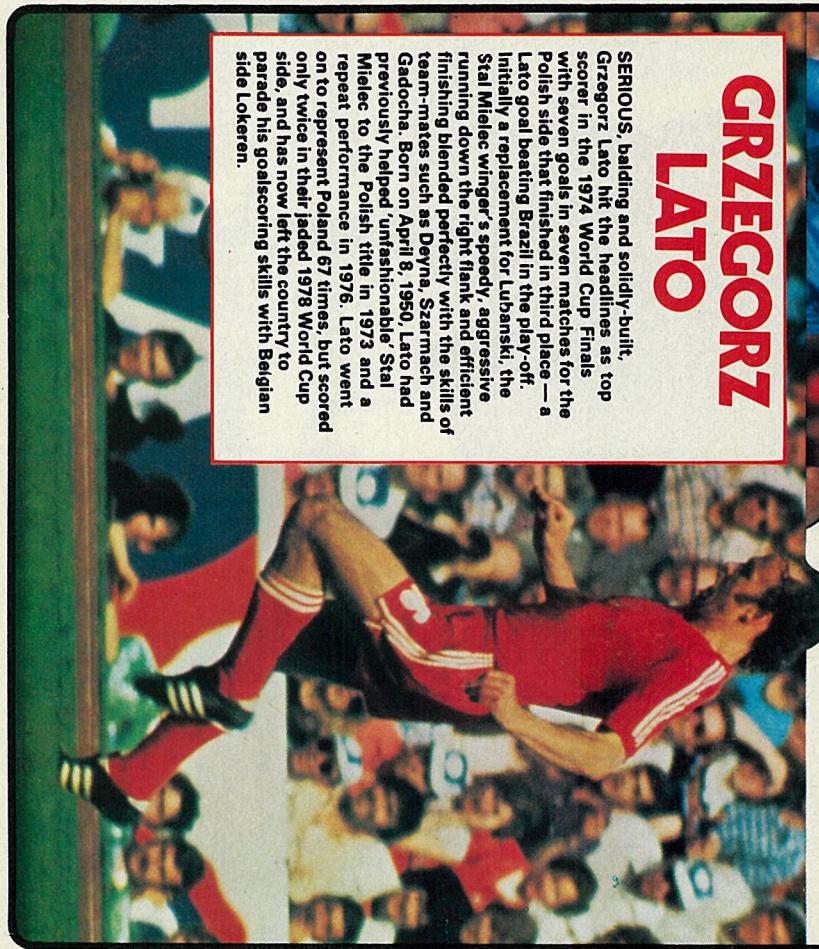


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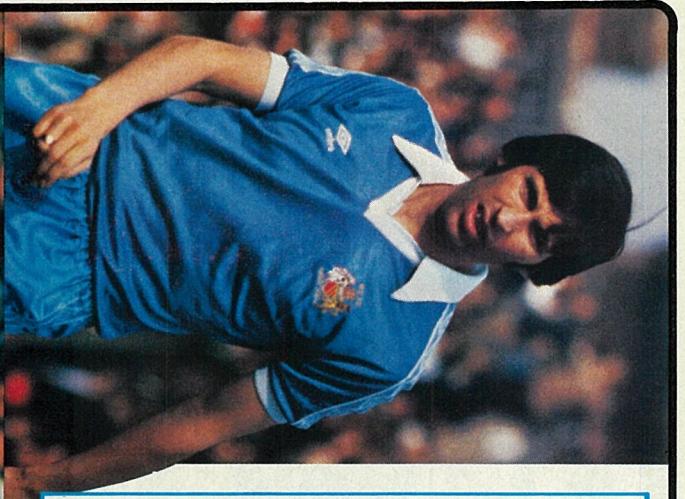
LIAM BRADY

THE talented Irishman currently displaying his seemingly limitless talents in Italy with the stars of Juventus. Born in Dublin, Brady was signed by Arsenal straight from school, and after initial problems with home-sickness, Liam eventually settled in at Highbury to become one of the finest midfield players ever to have appeared for them. A regular first team member by the age of 17, his amazing ability helped Arsenal to emerge from their unexpected slump in the mid-70's to become one of the most feared teams in Britain once again. First capped by the Republic of Ireland against the Russians in 1975, Brady was recently appointed international captain and is now approaching his 30th full cap. During his time at Highbury, Brady helped Arsenal to three F.A. Cup Finals in succession, gaining the 'Man of the Match' award for his part in the 3-2 defeat of Manchester United in 1979. But throughout last season Liam Brady made it clear that he would be leaving the club when his contract expired, and after a long wait, he eventually signed for Juventus last season in a £600,000 deal. His value on the British transfer market would have undoubtedly been closer to the £2 million mark.



GRZEGORZ LATO

SERIOUS, balding and solidly-built, Grzegorz Lato hit the headlines as top scorer in the 1974 World Cup Finals with seven goals in seven matches for the Polish side that finished in third place — a Lato goal beating Brazil in the play-off. Initially a replacement for Lubanski, the Stal Mielec winger's speedy, aggressive running down the right flank and efficient finishing blended perfectly with the skills of team-mates such as Deyna, Szarmach and Gadocha. Born on April 8, 1950, Lato had previously helped unfashionable Stal Mielec to the Polish title in 1973 and a repeat performance in 1976. Lato went on to represent Poland 67 times, but scored only twice in their jaded 1978 World Cup side, and has now left the country to parade his goalscoring skills with Belgian side Lokeren.



KAZIMIERZ DEYNA

TALL, well-proportioned and superbly athletic, Kazimierz Deyna rates among the game's most talented inside-forwards. The Legia Warsaw star established his name in the international roll of honour when he inspired Poland first to qualify for the 1974 World Cup Finals at the expense of England, and then to set a new Polish record by beating Brazil into third place. Deyna's job was to conduct the orchestra from midfield, using his ball-skills and creative spark to feed front-runners Lato and Szarmach, and then following the move through to score many vital goals. Born on October 23rd, 1947, Deyna was still an impressive presence in Poland's 1978 World Cup campaign, subsequently moving to England and Manchester City where, after 13 years and 105 Polish internationals as a midfielder, he was surprised to be played as a striker on occasions.

MARTIN BUCHAN

CAPTAIN of Manchester United and the former skipper of Scotland. A solid and dependable central defender who was signed from Aberdeen in February, 1972 for a fee of £125,000. Four months earlier he had made his full international debut as a substitute for Eddie Colquhoun against Portugal at Hampden Park. A member of the Scotland side which performed with such distinction during the World Cup Finals of 1974 in West Germany and an ever-present in the not so successful team of 1978. Up to the start of the current season, Buchan had gained 34 full international caps, but at present does not figure in manager Jock Stein's plans for the future despite a growing call for his return to the side. At club level, Buchan has proved a loyal and outstanding servant to the Old Trafford cause. When he signed for United the club were going through a rebuilding process. They were relegated in 1974, promoted the next year, and have now emerged as a team to be feared once again, with no player more responsible for that resurgence than Martin Buchan.



TREVOR FRANCIS

BRITAIN'S first million-pound player, Trevor Francis' absence from the European Championship Finals was probably the greatest reason for England's failure in Italy this year. Francis burst on the scene as a 16-year-old with Birmingham City, becoming the youngest player to score four League goals in a game against Bolton. The sensation of St. Andrews, Francis was called up by the England Under 23 team for the first of five caps in 1974 against Poland. Full honours followed, and Trevor was upgraded for the first time against Holland at Wembley in 1977. But while Francis was becoming a regular member of the England side, at club level things were not going so well. City's inability to secure their permanency in the First Division was doing Francis' career no good, and in February, 1979 he signed for Nottingham Forest in that record-shattering seven-figure deal. Despite his ups and downs with manager Brian Clough, Francis has proved a great success at the City Ground. He headed the winning goal against Malmö in the 1979 European Cup Final, and also set them on the road to success in last season's competition before his Achilles tendon injury which ruled him out of what should have been the highlight of his career both against Hamburger SV and the best of Europe's international teams.



DIXIE DEAN

ONE of the most prolific goalscorers in British football history, William Ralph Dean died suddenly and unexpectedly at his beloved Goodison Park earlier this year while watching the Everton v Liverpool derby. Dean will always be remembered as the man who scored 60 League goals for Everton in the 1927-28 season. In his 12-year career at Goodison Park he scored 349 League goals for the club. A native of Liverpool, the young Dean's outstanding career started with Tranmere. His amazing goalscoring talents soon brought him to the attentions of every leading club in the country, but Dixie had set his heart on a move to Everton, and he was not to be disappointed. Neither were the Everton supporters, and as well as helping the club to the League Championship in 1928 and 1932, he also skippered Everton to victory over Manchester City in the 1933 F.A. Cup Final. Although his career finished at Notts County, it is with Everton Dixie Dean will always be associated, and his name remains a legend on Merseyside.



BOBBY EVANS

CONSIDERING the amount of effort Bobby Evans put into his game, it is remarkable that his career extended 23 years, from the day he joined Celtic in 1944 to his last Scottish appearance with Raith Rovers in 1967-68. His peace-time Scottish and Football League appearances alone totalled 557. In 1953-54 Bobby Evans was one of the stars of the last Celtic team to win the Scottish League Championship for 12 years. He also helped them win the Scottish Cup in 1951 and 1954, and the Scottish League Cup in 1957 and 1958. In the Scottish international side he had to compete for his place with other great right-halves like Ian McColl, Jimmy Scouler and Tommy Docherty, but up to the time he transferred to Chelsea in 1960 he had been capped 45 times. His move South of the border spent the end of his international career for he made only three more appearances. After only a year with Chelsea he moved to Newport County for a season before returning home to finish his career with spells at Morton, Third Lanark and Raith Rovers.

BILLY BINGHAM

ANOTHER player whose brilliant career was ended when he broke a leg. That was in 1964 when he was in his 15th season of League football, having been brought over from Glentoran by Sunderland in 1950. At that time this exciting, unpredictable outside-right, had played for Northern Ireland at Schoolboy and Youth level. In May, 1951 he got his first full cap, embarking on a remarkable run of 43 consecutive appearances which was broken only when Everton refused to release him for a game in April, 1961, because they wanted him for a friendly with Brazilian team — Bangui. He subsequently took his total of internationals to 56, thus equaling Danny Blanchflower's record, although it has since been overtaken by Pat Jennings and Terry Neill. Moved from Sunderland to Luton in 1958 and on to Everton in 1960 (League medal 1962-63). Finished his playing career with Port Vale whom he joined in 1963. Now in his second spell as manager of Northern Ireland.



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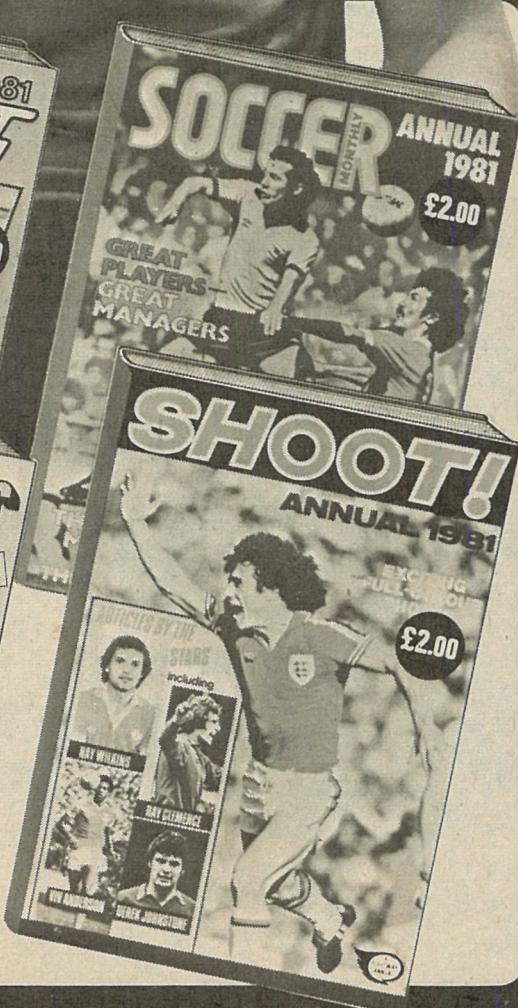
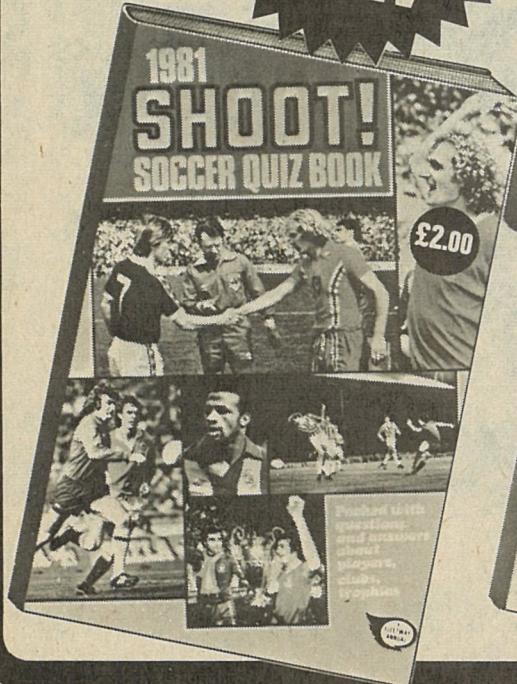
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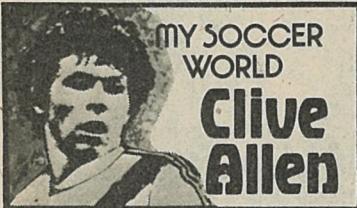
'When strikers become villains'

I CAN'T really put into words the disappointment shared by all at Crystal Palace when Tottenham knocked us out of the League Cup in the recent replay at Selhurst Park . . . and robbed us of the prize of a home tie against Arsenal in the next round.

Palace held Spurs 0-0 in the first match, a commendable performance considering our 5-0 thumping at Everton just a few days earlier.

Paul Barron produced a string of saves at Spurs to prove he has all the necessary qualities of a top keeper.

We were confident of victory in the replay especially after I put us in front from the penalty-spot.



Early in the second-half I moved into the Spurs penalty-area and beat Ricardo Villa to the ball. Next second I was flat on my face with referee Alan Robinson pointing to the spot.

Ricky led the Tottenham protests. He said I'd run into him. But the ref waved them aside and I stepped up to slam my sixth goal of the season.

Unfortunately our lead was short-lived. Soon after Neil Smillie brought down Ardiles on the edge of the box and Glenn Hoddle curled the free-kick around our defensive

wall and just out of Paul Barron's reach.

A fine, competitive match boiled over for a few moments when Jerry Murphy and Glenn Hoddle were sent-off for exchanging blows.

I even got booked, for the third time this season. Garth Crooks was racing down the middle when I attempted to get the ball from behind. Although I never made contact with the player the ref blew up and showed me the yellow card.

I protested my innocence, so did Tottenham's Steve Perryman. He came up and said to the ref: "What did you book him for? The lad never touched Crooks." But Mr Robinson was adamant.

Four minutes from time Spurs were awarded a penalty and there was more drama when Paul Barron saved from Crooks.

The big striker made amends during extra-time by forcing Spurs ahead. Villa settled the issue by adding a third and smashed Palace's League Cup dreams for another year.

Good luck to Spurs against Arsenal, a match that would have had very special significance for Paul and I.

Obviously the boss, Terry Venables, wasn't too pleased about the result, or the way we let them off the hook, but he didn't say very much afterwards.

Like most top managers Terry leaves the aftermath inquests until a few days later, when tempers have cooled.

My striking partner Mike Flanagan was a little withdrawn because he hadn't scored with at least one of three goal-worthy efforts.

Up to and including that League Cup replay Mike had only scored once this season and he's worried about the situation. But at least he has been creating chances and getting in shots on target.

I remember Jimmy Greaves once saying to me: "All goalscorers experience lean spells. The time for them to worry isn't when the goals stop coming, but when the chances dry up."

It's also important to keep plugging away. The more you worry, the worse things become, so does the pressure.

You are conscious of the fans. They expect strikers to score every week. If you're popular at a club they'll forgive you for missing a few, but not over a period of time. Heroes can quickly become villains up front.

Terry Venables has discussed the way Mike and I are playing together. He said he's pleased with our work-rate, but disappointed at our lack of success and luck.

"As long as you continue to work hard doing the right things the goals will start to come in the end," he said.

Experience

I suppose it's easy for me to talk because I have scored a few this season and haven't really been playing long enough to experience a bad spell.

But I don't worry about not hitting the target. All I'm concerned about is the team's overall performance and the result.

It doesn't matter to me who scores the goals as long as Palace win.

Q.P.R. striker Tommy Langley said in SHOOT recently that he left Chelsea because he wasn't getting the right service from midfielders.

In today's modern game of 4-4-2 that is absolutely vital. Unless the front-runners get a regular supply of through balls and crosses they and the team are invariably on a



Despite Clive's opening goal from a penalty, Palace still went out of the League Cup to Spurs in a replay.



Gerry Francis, Peter Nicholas and Billy Gilbert have all been sidelined this season.

hiding to nothing.

As a striker I'd obviously welcome a big revival of the wingers. Neil Smillie has done ever so well for Palace this season. His exciting runs down the flanks and willingness to take on defenders before crossing has given the side a much wider variety of service.

Despite that, Palace still haven't recaptured last season's early form which took them to the top of the First Division.

I can't put my finger on what's gone wrong. Injuries to key players and bad luck have contributed to the situation, but mainly we've been punished for silly mistakes and lacked concentration at vital times.

Improve

A little more hard work and I'm sure Palace will improve and start to climb away from the danger zone.

Personally I'm enjoying my first season in the top League, although it has been tougher than I imagined.

In the Second Division only a handful of teams are well-organised in defence. All First Division teams are difficult to break down because in general defenders are much more skilful.

They may give attackers a little more space, but First Division defenders time their tackles to perfection and can read a game better.

Full-backs like Kenny Sansom are all-rounders . . . great defenders but with the skill of a midfielder able to add weight to the attack.

Apart from Kenny, the one defender who has stood out for me this season is Liverpool's Phil Thompson.

I made my First Division debut for Palace at Anfield at the start of the season and was amazed at his pace, power and vision. You could almost see Phil thinking his way through the game.

Kenny Dalglish scored one of Liverpool's three goals against us that day.

For me, and indeed most other players, he's the most complete striker in the game today.

Kenny's contribution to Liverpool is fantastic. Not only does he score goals, but creates them for others. I don't model my game on any other player, but if I did then I wouldn't mind inheriting some of Kenny's qualities.

This Saturday (October 18th), Palace are at home to newly promoted Leicester City.

A young side mixed with the right amount of experience, they work hard for each other and play good football.

Leicester beat my old club Q.P.R. 4-1 at Loftus Road and 1-0 at Filbert Street to gain four very valuable promotion points last term.

After a good start this season, Leicester are struggling to find their First Division feet. But with the situation Palace are in at the moment the match this weekend will be a bit of a battle for us . . . a battle we MUST WIN!

YOU ARE THE REEF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

A penalty-kick is awarded and the signal given. The taker walks to the ball, bends over it as to reposition it but kicks it into goal. Should you (a) award a goal or (b) caution the kicker and retake the kick?



2 At a kick-off the ball is kicked straight along the halfway-line and over the touch line. Should you (a) award a throw-in, (b) a free-kick, or (c) retake the kick?



3 The ball is about six yards away when a defender charges an opponent fairly. Do you (a) take no action, (b) award a direct free-kick, or (c) award an indirect free-kick?



4 A player is injured before the game starts. A substitute replaces him. Later he is presented as a substitute for another player. Should you allow the substitution?



5 The home team are leading with time running out. A player remarks to you that the game should have ended. Should you take any action?



ANSWERS

1. Caution the kicker and retake the kick (b). 2. Retake the kick (c). 3. Award an indirect free-kick (c). 4. Yes. 5. No. When I was refereeing Southampton and Leeds in a Football League Cup Semi-Final, Southampton were leading with about two minutes to go, when Terry Curran (now Sheffield Wednesday) then of

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Third and Fourth Division round-up



SAXTON SHAKES UP PILGRIMS

PLYMOUTH boss Bobby Saxton could be forgiven a huge smile of satisfaction as he looked down from the top of the Third Division at the end of September.

His re-shaped Argyle side had set a cracking pace for the rest to follow and as October came in they shared with Second Division Blackburn the distinction of being the only unbeaten sides in the Football League.

What a difference to a year ago. Then Argyle were rock bottom, already locked in a bitter fight against relegation and there were fears that Saxton could lose his job.

He refused to panic, got on quietly with what he knew had to be done — and is now reaping the rewards in a big way.

"It was obvious a shake-up was needed when I came back here to manage the club I once played for. But it was equally obvious it could not be done overnight," he explained.

"I needed time to sort things out and get them moving in the direction I wanted. I just prayed that I would get that time in the Third Division and not go down to the Fourth."

"We managed to put things together well enough at the back end of last season to collect the points that guaranteed safety and

we have gone on from there.

"But I urge people not to get carried away and start taking anything for granted. The season is young yet and there is a long way to go."

It is no coincidence that Plymouth's dramatic revival started when striker David Kemp finally shook off the Achilles injury that plagued him for much of last season.

He was out for three months, and Argyle badly missed his goal threat. Now he is back with a vengeance scoring ten goals in the first nine games.

To make things even more buoyant on the Western front, Argyle's neighbours EXETER also got off to a flying start.

Brian Godfrey, who replaced Saxton as manager when he moved to Home Park, has kept things ticking over nicely and the decision to bring back Tony Kellow proved a master stroke.

The player they sold to Blackpool then brought back to St James' Park was among the goals as Exeter hit impressive form to get up among the leaders.

SHEFFIELD UNITED made it clear they mean business by adding John Ryan to their playing staff. And he scored on his debut against Rotherham.

The former Luton and Norwich

player was taken to Bramall Lane by Martin Peters when several other clubs were chasing him and his experience and ability will be invaluable.

READING, too, have every reason to be satisfied with their start — particularly as they were short of front players.

The Berkshire side owe a huge debt to loyal keeper Steve Death, who set a club record 501 appearances in the 3-2 win over Barnsley.

BARNESLEY, of course, had a change of manager just before that — Norman Hunter moving up to take over from Allan Clarke, who quit to take over at Leeds.

And CHESTERFIELD maintained their challenge despite losing manager Arthur Cox to Newcastle. New man in charge at Saltergate is Frank Barlow.

Newly promoted NEWPORT are finding life tough in their more exalted surroundings and were stuck at the bottom at the end of the month.

A SWINDON team fancied to do well after just missing promotion and reaching the Semi-Final of the League Cup last season made a poor start. And manager Bobby Smith paid dearly when he was sacked recently.

HOT SHOTS

In the Fourth Division manager Tom McAnearney's decision to spend more time with his ALDERSHOT team paid a quick dividend. For they surged to the top of the table.

McAnearney admits he did not spend as much time with his team as he would have liked last season "because the directors had given me a few bob to spend and most of my time was taken up looking for new players.

"Now I have no money, so I have no need to look for reinforcements and can devote all my time to taking charge of the training."

SOUTHEND, relegated last sea-

son, made it quite clear they intend to get back without any delay and some fine performances — particularly at home — got them up among the early pacemakers.

LINCOLN's Colin Murphy took another step towards exorcising the ghost of Graham Taylor by keeping the Red Imps in contention.

But he suffered a blow when keeper Colin Boulton broke a leg.

DONCASTER recovered from a poor start to put together an impressive string of results and go shooting up the table.

Mick Jones — who moved from non-League Kettering to take charge at MANSFIELD has assem-



Aldershot manager Tom McAnearney.

bled a team capable of making a sustained challenge.

So has Peter Morris, at PETERBOROUGH. While David Webb is wasting no time in making his mark at BOURNEMOUTH.

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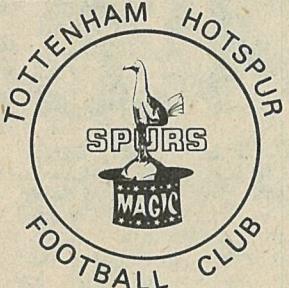
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Davie Hayes (hoops) brings the ball away from Aberdeen defender Alex McLeish.

A reject fights back

"DAVIE Hayes . . . you're an animal!"

Those words were music to my ears recently after my fairly lengthy absence through injury and loss of form.

I had just made my comeback in the Morton first team and had been involved in a couple of hefty tackles and obviously one supporter from our opponents reckoned I was going in too strong. He let me know what he thought and I couldn't help smiling.

I was back . . . really back! I had to make those stern tackles to make sure in my own mind that my leg injury had healed completely. Thankfully, it stood up to 90 minutes' worth of the rough and tumble that is all part of the game and I came off the pitch quite happy with my own performance.

Consistency

By the way, I must hastily add that those tackles were hard, but fair. I don't really think I am an animal!

This could be an exciting season for Morton, but we must get some consistency into our play. It's been painful watching the lads in action and not getting the results they deserve.

It all hits your confidence, suddenly good players become average and it spreads throughout the team like wildfire.

The Premier Division is a killer because it is so small and there never seems time to take a breather. The pressure seems to be on constantly and if you don't get some rhythm about your play early on you can be in trouble.

Look at Hibs last season. Everyone agreed they weren't a bad side, but after only a couple of months they were virtually doomed to relegation.

But I'm confident we have the players at Cappielow who will help us remain in the Top Ten. The manager, Benny Rooney, is one of the best around and we all have the utmost confidence in him.

When he dropped me I was the first to agree with him. I had been playing with my injury and obviously I wasn't at my best. I was struggling and Mr. Rooney dropped me.

I've been in the game for a while now — I've been at Cappielow for nine years since leaving school — and you must accept those decisions. I promised I would fight my way back and I was delighted when I was told I was back in the first team for the home game against Kilmarnock on Saturday, September 13.

I don't normally get nervous, but I admit there was a trace of tension before that game. Thankfully, we won 2-0 and I came through unscathed.

The pressure and strain of the Premier Division can be crippling, but there's no place I would rather be. Long may Morton continue in the Top Ten!

ANDERSON IS THREE PLAYERS IN ONE

SEVERAL years ago Celtic, Aberdeen and Spurs were all rivals in a race for a multi-talented youngster called George Anderson who was making a name for himself with Morton.

The Cappielow club, however, resisted all temptation to part with the player and even turned down a bid of around £80,000 from Aberdeen.

Morton were determined to hang on to their hot property. In between they sold players such as Neil McNab and Mark McGhee, but Anderson remained a permanent fixture in the Greenock first team.

This season, though, the player moved on . . . but there was no sensational transfer fee, no shift to a glamorous club and no fanfare of trumpets. Instead Anderson joined Premier Division new boys Airdrie for only £30,000.

"I had been with Morton since joining them as a schoolboy," says Anderson. "I enjoyed my football there, but the time was right to move on, I suppose.

"When I was younger I read all about this and that club ready to pay out huge fees for me but I tried not to let it affect my game. The possibilities were intriguing, of course, but I didn't dwell on them."

Things haven't quite gone the way most critics predicted for Anderson. They might have expected him to be with a more fashionable club and pushing for a regular place in the international squad, but the player's progress was hindered by injury and bad luck.

Bobby Watson, his new manager at Airdrie, is absolutely delighted to sign the player and is swift to say so.

"We don't have an awful lot of

money to throw around at Broomfield," says Watson. "Every penny is a prisoner so I have got to think long and hard before making any deals in the transfer market.

"I was happy to part with the cash, however, to get such a superb all-round player as George Anderson.

"I've always been an admirer of the boy's play and I'm certain he will do a great job for this club. He is so adaptable. I think I have bought three players for the price of one.

"He settled into our defence right away on his debut against Dundee United at Broomfield. We drew 0-0, but, honestly, George might have had a hat-trick.

'Happy'

"Every time he joined our attack he put pressure on United. His three efforts came so close, but it was his overall play that made me happy.

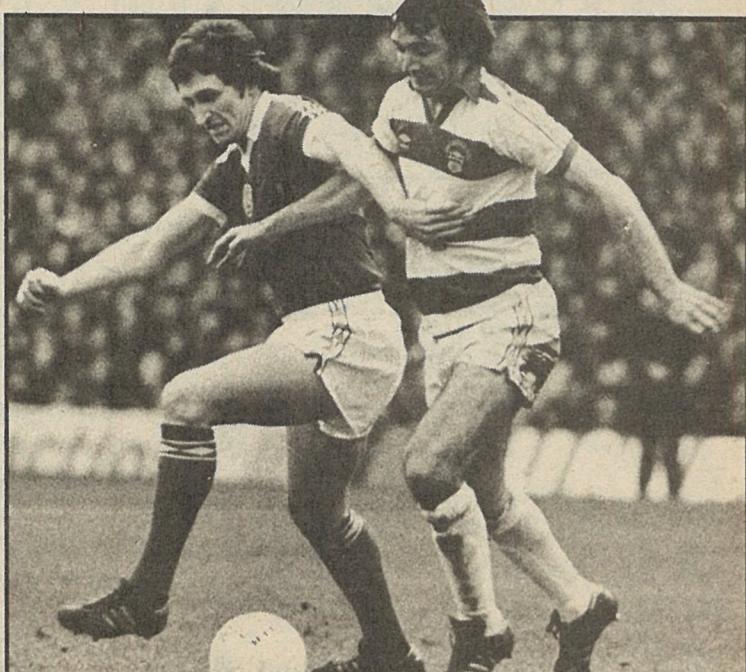
"George played well and helped Norrie Anderson play superbly alongside him. They could turn out to be a very good partnership."

Airdrie will need Anderson at his very best if they are to survive in the hectic Top Ten.

"I've been over this ground before," says George. "I know what to expect after my years with Morton in the Premier Division. I'm sure Airdrie will stay up and then we'll build on that."

George was never a player to chase the bright lights. He is involved with the Salvation Army and ironically, he could be the salvation of his new club.

George Anderson (hoops) then with Morton. Now he is helping to establish Airdrie in the Top Ten.



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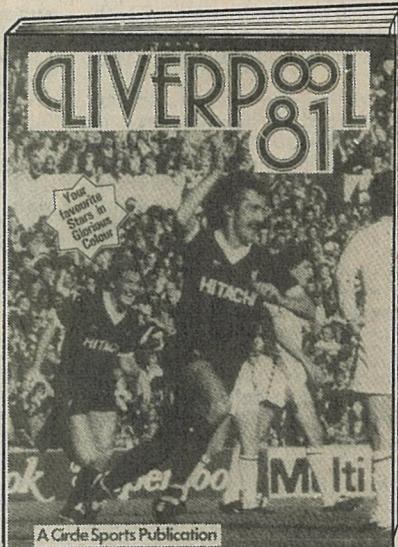
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SHOOT 2

NOEL Brotherston reckons that he has had "three lively years" in football — and that must be the understatement of the season! His career has rocketed up and down like a roller-coaster out of control ... but now he looks established as one of football's success stories.

"First I left Tottenham after just one first team match and they helped me out with a free transfer. Blackburn Rovers offered me terms and the first season there was really exciting because we finished fifth.

"The next was a dreadful disappointment. Instead of challenging for promotion, we went down!" he recalls.

"We came straight back off the ropes by regaining our Second Division status at the first attempt. Then, in the summer after a couple of disappointments with Northern Ireland when I just sat on the bench, I won my first caps during the British Championship. Suddenly everything seems to be going my way."

The softly spoken Belfast-born player neglects to point out that he was the matchwinner of the British Championship. He produced three dazzling performances and climaxed his start to international football with an unstoppable performance against Wales at Cardiff.

Not only was the 23-year-old Noel the outstanding player on the Ninian Park pitch, but he scored the 25th minute goal which gave Northern Ireland their first ever outright victory in the Championship.

"I've always believed in my abil-

ity and all I've asked is the chance to prove it. I didn't get it at Tottenham," says the attacking mid-fielder-cum-winger who went to White Hart Lane straight from school.

"Jimmy Neighbour was in my position when I was chasing a first team place there: then, when it seemed that I could step into his shoes, they bought Peter Taylor for a big fee. I had to move on to look after my career."

His promise was quickly demonstrated at Blackburn, and Danny Blanchflower, then in charge of Northern Ireland, called him up into the squad. "But all I did was sit on the bench and then I dropped out before getting a kick at the ball," he says.

Brilliant

But the modest Brotherston had a streak of steel to fight back against the set-backs. He was brilliant in Blackburn's promotion last season, and fought his way again into the Irish squad — which now had Billy Bingham in charge.

Bingham, as a player, was very much like Brotherston is today — quick in breaking along the flanks using acceleration and sharp, positive control to demolish defensive covering.

He saw the potential of Brotherston and was answered immediately when the Rovers player pulled on the green shirt.

At Ewood Park, player-manager Howard Kendall is just as convinced about the talent of the young Irishman. Now, for club and

BROTHERSTON'S SUCCESS STORY

country, Brotherston could become one of the top players of this season.

"I've never felt so excited about my career. It seems that everything is in front of me. Rovers made the best possible start in the Second Division and that has set people talking about a second successive promotion.

"It's far too early to answer that one. You need luck and consistency over 42 matches. The ability we have. We also have tremendous leadership from the manager.

"It is a great help having him on the pitch. His knowledge of the game and his instant direction of our tactical approach is a great benefit.

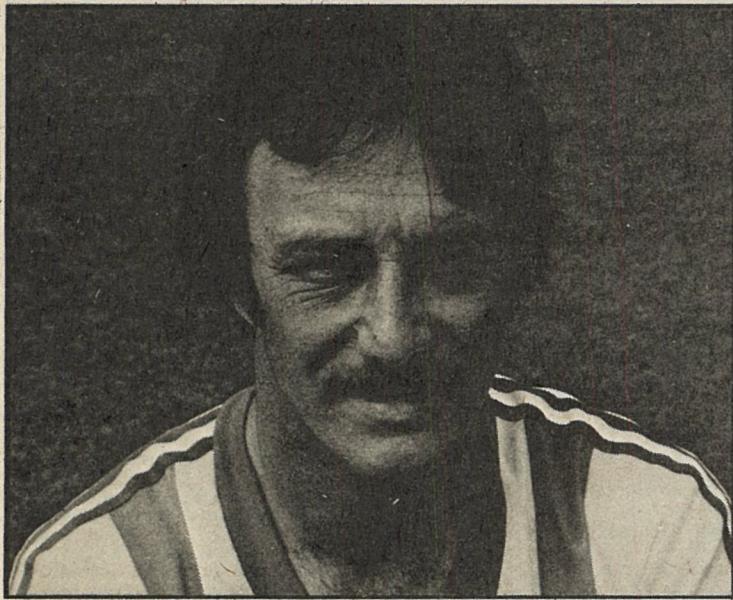
"At international level, too, the same applies. I was fortunate to go into a side where everyone was prepared to help me.

"I really feel that Northern Ireland have a great chance in the World Cup. We've drawn already in Israel and if we play the way we did in the British Championship — when we did not have our Arsenal players — we can succeed against Scotland, Portugal and Sweden."

*Before the argument starts ... Ireland did win the British Championship outright in 1914 but that was an All Ireland side, not just the North as it is today. So that goal made Noel a historymaker as well as a matchwinner.



Big head KELLOW



TONY Kellow, Exeter's £70,000 beat-the-deadline signing from Blackpool, could not be happier on his return to St. James' Park.

"Everything is going well for us and I'm top scorer again," says the 27-year-old Bude-born striker. "Who can ask for anything more?"

"I know I'm a big-headed so an so," he says. "But my aim is First Division football and sooner or later I'll make it."

Kellow left Exeter for Blackpool in November, 1978 for £125,000 to seek fame and fortune.

"I was the Third Division's first six-figure player," he says. "But it didn't quite go to plan at Bloomfield Road. Nevertheless, the club did have a couple of big offers for me. They were turned down, but that's the way it goes."

'Rejected'

"Derby was a definite one and that came before Christmas. At the time Blackpool rejected the bid and The Rams signed Alan Biley.

"It was a strange situation. One minute everybody wanted me and the next nobody seemed interested."

"I'd scored a few goals in my 16-month stay at Bloomfield Road, but I was going through a bad spell when Alan Ball took over as manager. I didn't fit in with his plans and he thought I was surplus to requirements."

"At the same time Exeter were struggling up-front. They'd made a couple of offers for Colin Garwood of Aldershot, but he didn't want to move out West."

"They just couldn't get quality players to go to Exeter. But as I'd already played there before, considering my position at Blackpool, manager Brian Godfrey took a

gamble and came in for me. And, as it happened, they released me.

"There were no qualms about returning. Brian Godfrey told me that he wouldn't stand in my way if something better came along.

"Obviously I was bought to score goals. I've averaged 20 over the past four seasons and I've only been playing League football for four years.

"But I've got to be honest, 1979-80 wasn't a vintage season for me. I only grabbed 17!"

"Exeter should have won promotion or, at the very least, been in a challenging position. The club dropped some silly points towards the end of the campaign and that was it."

"This time we've got off to a flying start and, with a little luck, we'll take some holding. We've got a settled team and a quality squad with players who can slot in without upsetting the balance if we suffer any injuries. And I'm back among the goals. I got three against Charlton recently."

"I would rate it as the best set-up in my time at Exeter. If we can be consistent, then we won't be far off a promotion place come next May."

Kellow has struck up a good understanding with fellow striker Steve Neville.

"He used to be a winger and they've put him in the middle and he's come up trumps," says Tony.

"We haven't a winger, but we get forward from midfield and the crosses come from the full-backs. There's no set pattern. We just work hard for each other."

"The boss knows his job and he has assembled a good squad. The team spirit is the best I've ever known and, if you're chasing promotion, that really does matter."

DESPITE a run of poor results after a bright start, Cambridge United's lanky centre-forward George Reilly, is optimistic about the future.

When the homely, honest and hard-working Second Division club satisfied star striker Alan Biley's wish of First Division football last season it seemed to many that the Abbey Stadium outfit had opted to settle for the safe ground of the middle of the League.

But they reckoned without the energy, ambition and sheer goal-scoring will of a Scotsman who can lay bricks as well as any professional bricklayer and jump as high as anyone else in British football.

"We are a good side, despite our present position," says George Reilly, six foot three and a half inches in his socks, "and a lot of people do not give us enough credit for it. We know people don't think of us among the fashionable clubs and they seem surprised when they see us among the pace-

must be hope." On the night he compared very favourably with the Wolves man, who admittedly had poor service. Two blistering headers sealed Cambridge's win and stole the morning headlines for the big man.

"I'm mainly a target man here and I like to think I do my fair share of making goals for others. But I have always been good in the air, my height helping of course, and I have always scored goals."

"I first turned professional at Northampton, and that after a spell in the Southern League with Corby Town. I grew up in Corby and worked as a bricklayer. We lived there after coming down from Scotland when I was only two-and-a-half."

"Cambridge bought me for £140,000 and since I arrived I have had a great time."

"When other teams or reporters say we are not a good footballing side it makes us even more determined. We really feel we are as good as anyone else."

Reilly's feelings are borne out by his manager's comments too: "I must admit I am not surprised. We beat Wolves and Aston Villa because we deserved to. Other people might be surprised because they didn't. I know my players and my staff. We have all worked very hard. We have players of enthusiasm and character who all work hard for the team."

Things are going so well at the Abbey Stadium that the Biley sale has quickly been forgotten.

Now is the time of George Reilly, the new but old-fashioned goal-scoring leader of Cambridge United.

Lofty Reilly slays 'em

makers, and although it's going to be hard there's no reason why by next May we can't be near the top."

Reilly is a tall, angular 12-stone package of goals. He can head with power, create chances for his supporting forwards, and drag his marker around the defence with the most venomous of intentions when he is in the mood.

Experienced

Ask Derby County's experienced former England international Roy McFarland, or Watford's Steve Sims, or Wolves central pair, the vastly experienced Emlyn Hughes and the Welsh international George Berry. They all got the runaround from Reilly as the sprightly U's thumped nine goals in their first three home appearances of the season; Reilly himself bagging four in the first four games, including two against Wolves.

The night Cambridge shocked the waiting football world by hitting the League Cup holders with a 3-1 aggregate win, big George even managed to overshadow a man he admittedly envies ... Andy Gray, the £1.5 million striker who represents Scotland in the centre-forward's jersey.

"I would love a chance to play football for Scotland," said Reilly. "That is my dream, my big ambition. I am only 22 so I think there



This week's Star Letter comes from Kevin Williams of Huyton, Merseyside, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

BELT UP, TOMMY!

★ I AM writing to complain about the way in which professional footballers are determined to have a go at a fellow player or manager by selling their story to a national paper or publishing their views in a book.

If this isn't bringing the game into disrepute then I'm afraid I don't know what the phrase means.

A recent example was the harsh words Tommy Smith wrote about Emlyn Hughes (right) in a Sunday paper. Beforehand, being a Liverpool supporter, I had the utmost respect for both of these fine players for the dedication they had given Liverpool over the years.

After reading his comments, though, my admiration for Smith has diminished as he, in my view, has harmed not only Emlyn's reputation, but that of Liverpool.

This is grossly unfair to the present players and manager, which explains why Smith gave up his job as youth coach shortly before the article was due to be released.

Unfortunately, most of all, he has destroyed the feelings of many Liverpool fans by what he has said and owes an apology to Hughes for his unneeded outburst.

At a time when football is reeling from the increase in hooliganism, I think it is wrong for a player to set an example like this. There have been many other cases of course, too many to mention in fact, and it's about time it stopped before fans no longer look upon their heroes as responsible people.

● I agree. I'm not suggesting that every bad aspect of soccer should be ignored, but surely fans would be more interested to read Smith's views of his many successes with Liverpool rather than using a book to tell people of ridiculous 'controversial' stories designed to be sensational.

Soccer switch

A CHANGEOVER from the traditional Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon football? A couple of years ago during the power strike Sunday football was well received.

I reckon Sunday football would see a big jump in League attendances.

BART MCNEILL,
JARROW.

● Would other readers prefer to go to football on Sunday?

Too little, too late

I AM writing in reply to David Hunter from Carnoustie about improvements at Hampden Park in your issue dated 27th September, or, more appropriately, your comments following it which said: "Putting a 1p levy on a pint of beer should do the trick in no time!"

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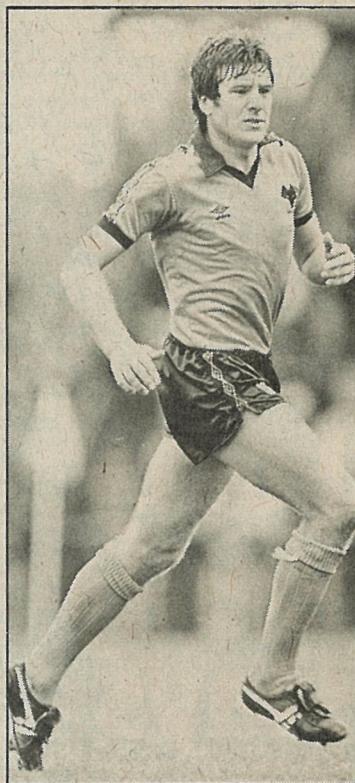
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memories to me of the time when plans for the "new" Hampden were first aired many years ago.

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The first thing they did was to increase the price of tickets for the matches at Hampden by 20p. This, they said, was to go to the fund. So although your comment following David's letter may have been a bit of a joke on your part, it got me wondering as to what happened to these proceeds and if the tickets sold for matches at Hampden still include this levy.

I would like to find out what has happened to this money if it still exists, because if it does I don't think many of the punters who donated towards it (although they didn't have much choice) would object to it being spread amongst other clubs in Scotland (that is, if it isn't used for temporary measures at Hampden itself.)

I know because of the current economic climate and restrictions on spending money nothing will happen because even when money wasn't so tight nothing was done to help Hampden. They thought if nothing was said the problem would go away.

Same old Scottish failing came out in the end . . . too little, too late.
JOHN MURDOCH,
GLENROTHES.

● If football didn't have such a bad name, perhaps the Government would be more generous with grants towards improvements.

'Clean' Clem

LIVERPOOL'S Ray Clemence kept his 300th clean sheet of his career for Liverpool in the League Cup replay against Bradford City at Anfield in his 603rd game for the Champions.

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LINDA WILLIAMS,
HAINAUT.

● Ray would be the first to say his record is due to team-work . . . but it's certainly impressive.

Rugby better value

I HAVE been watching Cardiff City for a few years, but now that the cheapest tickets are £1.60 my father and I will not be going so often. Recently I went to a rugby match and for 50p I feel I had real value for money.

Before the match, entertainment was

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Albion K.O.

My grandfather recently gave me an old F.A. Cup Fifth Round ticket — dated 18th February, 1956 — for a West Bromwich home game. Who did they play, and who won?

SALLY HAINES,
KIDDERMINSTER

● Sadly for West Brom, Sally, it was a 1-0 defeat by their great local rivals Birmingham City.

Birmingham, incidentally, went on to reach Wembley — where they were beaten 3-1 by Manchester City in the Final.

Too hot

With winter coming on, we're bound to get matches postponed for the usual reasons — but has it ever happened to a game because of the heat?

STEVEN CARPENTER,
KETTERING

provided by two youth teams and a band. There was no crowd trouble during the big game and although there was the occasional flare up on the pitch, which happens in football anyway, the players still entertained the fans by keeping the game flowing and scoring a few tries.

After the match the home players applauded the opposing team off the pitch and fans could get their autographs by waiting in the tunnel.

Although I still prefer football, I don't see why football fans should be expected to pay such high prices when they can be entertained by an amateur team for less than half the price with no fear of crowd violence.

HELEN BRENTON,
CARDIFF.

● You don't need gate receipts if you aren't paying the players.

Pen-Pal

I'M a 17-year-old Spanish boy and I'd like to write to anyone in England and exchange souvenirs.

ANTONIO CAMPOS BERMUDEZ,
EMILIA PARDO BAZAN 36 3^o,
LA CORUNA,
SPAIN.

Unlucky 13

I WANT to express my condolences to Alan Dicks, who was recently sacked by Bristol City, after 13 years.

I think it was a great achievement to have been there for that long, but there comes a time now when even a friendly, likeable club like City succumbs to the modern practice of axing the boss the minute the team hits a bit of difficulty.

Good luck for the future, Alan, and once again well done.

DAVID HARVIE,
TEYNHAM.

● It was unlucky 13 for the League's longest-serving manager.

● Could well be in more tropical parts of the world, Steven — though, not surprisingly, there's no record of it ever happening in Britain.

As far as I can trace, the hottest footballing Saturday over here was back on 1st September, 1906 — when many Football League games were played in a temperature nudging 90 degrees, and some players had to receive treatment for heat-exhaustion.

'Pool's first

I know Liverpool have now won the League title a record 12 times, but could you tell me anything about the first one?

HAROLD SHEPHERD,
BARBADOS

● It was as long ago as the 1900-01 season, Harold.

They finished two points ahead of runners-up Sunderland — winning 19, and drawing seven, of their 34 games — with a total of 45.

In the second half of that season, it reached as if Sunderland were as good as Champs — but, in a late spurt, Liverpool picked up 21 points from their last 12 games to pass them on the post.

SHORT PASSES

● First Football League Cup Final to be held at Wembley was in 1967, when Q.P.R. beat West Bromwich 3-2.

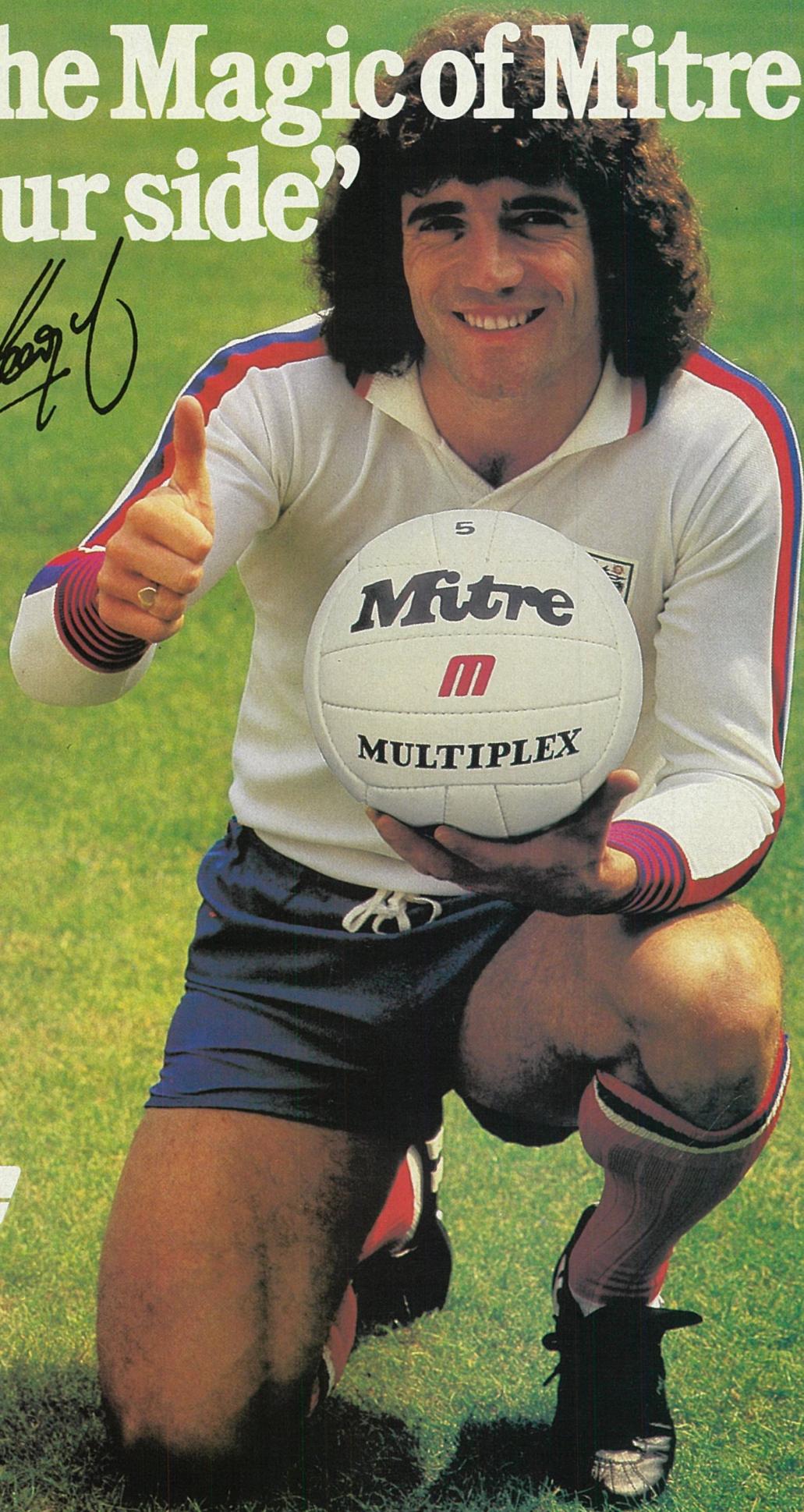
(JOHN WARDY, Liverpool)

● Bury's record home gate is 35,000 (F.A. Cup Third Round v. Bolton on 9th January, 1960).

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NORWICH



THEY are the Jekyll and Hyde of football. Capable of destroying the best in a frenzied 90 minutes of scintillating football one Saturday, losing to the team with the most feeble attack the next.

Norwich City's history has been a mixture of good and bad since they became a League club 75 years ago.

Their best season was 1975-76 when they came tenth in the First Division, though most of their supporters remember the glory days of 1958-59 when City swept through the early rounds of the F.A. Cup and reached the Semi-Final before losing 1-0 in a replay against Luton Town.

Nothing too special about that achievement until one realises that Norwich City were a Third Division team in those days.

They won the League Cup in 1962 and reached the Final of the competition in 1973 and 1975.

They once defeated Coventry 10-2 in a Third Division (South) match in March, 1930 and were crushed 10-2 by Swindon Town in a Southern League game in 1908, three years after their formation.

The most they have ever spent on a British player is a paltry £145,000, a figure unlikely to capture a Fourth Division player at the moment.

But that was the sum spent on Ted MacDougall, now player-coach of Blackpool, when he

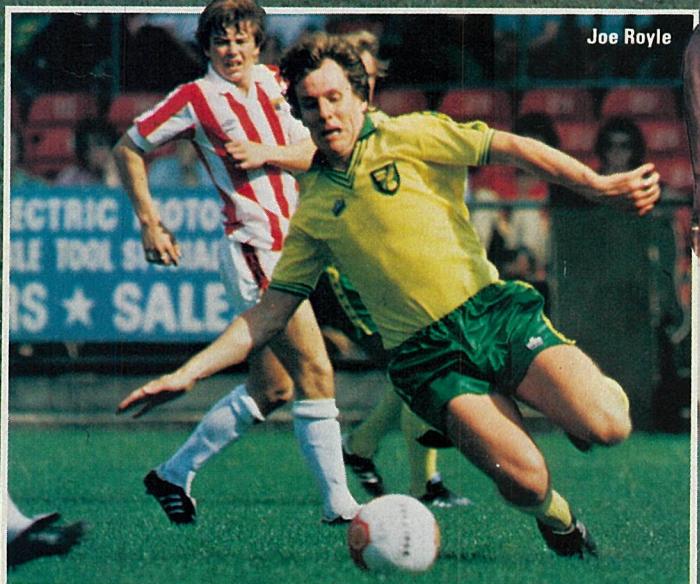
moved from West Ham United to Carrow Road in December, 1973.

That cash surrender to The Hammers is a pittance compared with the vast sum pumped into Norwich's bank account when England striker Kevin Reeves was snapped-up by Manchester City in March, 1980.

He cost the Northern club £1 million — and his departure was

mourned by all who thrilled to his goalscoring exploits.

Norwich finished 12th in the First Division last season. Many predicted they would slip into the Second Division at the end of this season, especially after they parted company with their captain and player-mentor Martin Peters



Joe Royle



Justin Fashanu

NORWICH CITY

CLUB SPOTLIGHT



to **Sheffield United** earlier this season.

But, as unpredictable as ever, Norwich started the new season by thrashing **Stoke City** 5-1 with goals by **Greg Downs** (18 appearances plus three as substitute for Norwich before this season), **Clive Woods**, and a **Justin Fashanu** hat-trick.

The next home match drew them into combat with **Leeds United**, whose manager **Jimmy Adamson** was facing the sack.

What happened? Norwich lost 3-2.

They struggled to draw 1-1 with **Shrewsbury** in the League Cup before beating them handsomely at home, but heavy defeats in the League at **Liverpool** and **West Bromwich Albion** gave them the message that life will be a struggle this season.

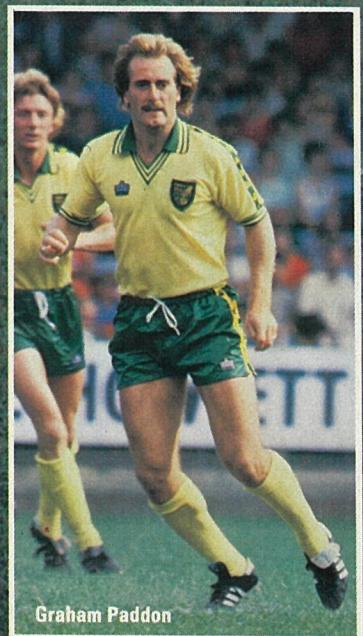
So when 18,000 fans went to **Carrow Road** to welcome **Southampton's** visit as First Division pacemakers, Norwich were hardly given a chance of gaining a point, let alone two.

Such is Norwich's penchant for surprising the critics that a single **Justin Fashanu** goal was sufficient to give them a well-earned victory and inflict **Southampton's** first League defeat of the season.

Most people are prepared to

write-off manager **John Bond's** team after determined efforts against the odds to build them into a formidable First Division side.

Few managers could have done more than **John Bond** to lift them to such vaunted heights against



Graham Paddon

the odds imposed by a small bank balance, small crowds and an area short on soccer tradition, despite Norwich's age.

Perhaps their fans should count themselves fortunate that they follow a side built by a man with slim resources.

Joe Royle, who played in the 1968 F.A. Cup Final for **Everton**, has been chosen by **Bond** as the possible saviour of Norwich 12 years after the Wembley date.

He lacks **Reeves'** vigour but has more than his fair share of experience and could still be the trump-card which enables Norwich to survive what could be the most difficult season in their history.

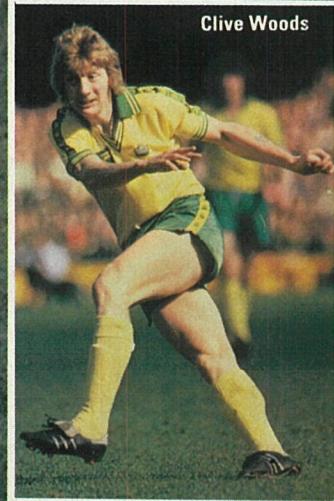
But the trump card emerging from the Norwich City pack is **Justin Fashanu**.

The England Under-21 striker had scored nine goals by the end of last month and was given a £2 million price tag to anyone interested in securing his services.

Fashanu's threat around goal and attitude this season is a tribute to his manager's influence.

Bond has never tolerated questionable behaviour and has made it clear on numerous occasions that Fashanu has fallen below the standards expected of a professional.

But this season Fashanu has been a revelation. He experienced



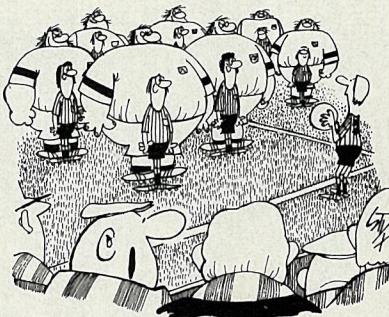
Clive Woods

the most bruising exchanges with the fiercely competitive **Joe Gallagher** in Norwich's League game against **Birmingham** without showing a hint of bad sportsmanship.

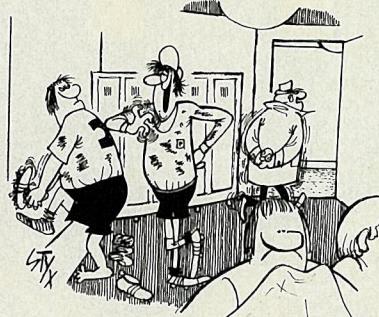
It augurs well for Norwich's immediate future.

Such is their instinct for survival that only a brave man would place a wager against their appearance in the First Division next season.

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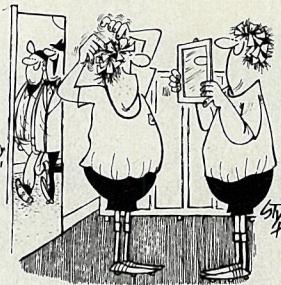
"That's the trouble with our lot — they're a bit on the small side."



"That's the last straw. He says I couldn't even save a National Saving's certificate."



"Going to a party are we?"



"And how did the lads react when you told them we were on TV?"



"I'd like to get my hands on the guy who invented toilet rolls."



"If that little squirt tells me he was unsighted eight times, I'll ... where is he?"

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'I MUSTN'T FAIL IN ROME'

Brazilian ace Falcao



His transfer fee of £1,300,000 makes Falcao's move from Internazionale Porto Alegre to Roma a new Brazilian record. And 26-year-old international midfielder Falcao realises that the pressure will be on him to produce the goods in Italy.

"Yes, I know Roma have paid a lot of money for me, and it's absolutely vital that I don't disappoint them."

"I try to combine ball-skills with hard work in midfield, and even though people have warned me about Italian man-to-man marking, I'm convinced that I'm going to project my name at international level."

Certainly the name of Falcao isn't as yet well-known in Europe.

"That's true. Even though I've played over 40 games for Brazil I didn't play in the 1978 World Cup, so people don't know me very well. I argued with Coutinho and he just didn't pick me. Since Tele Santana took over the national team I've been a regular, and there's a clause in my contract with Roma that allows me to be released for Brazil's World Cup qualifiers."

Meanwhile, the Italians have been hailing Falcao as Brazil's top player at the moment, and have been giving him the red-carpet treatment.

"The Italians are a very warm people. The fans love football, and they really appreciate Brazilian skills."

"As for being the number one, that's something I never even think about. I think Zico's admirers would be upset if I claimed that!"

News flashes

● Argentine club Talleres are worried about their prospects in the National Championship. When Menotti gets his squad together on November 23rd for a six-week training camp, Talleres will lose all of their back four! Galvan, Ocaño, Oviedo and Van Tuyn are all in the national squad.

● Atlético Madrid players have been given a special bonus of £3,600 a man... for remaining unbeaten in their nine pre-season friendlies!

● International fans who fancy seeing the Mini-World Cup (Copa de Oro or Mundialito) in Uruguay can have an all-included trip, flight, hotel, meals, transport to games and flight from Germany and back for £1,500. The trip leaves on December 26th and arrives back on January 12th. A bit pricey, but a good chance to see teams like Argentina, Brazil and West Germany, as well as the high spots in Uruguay during the South American summer.

● Hamburger SV have announced that they are not interested in meeting South American club Champions Nacional

(Uruguay) in a home and away play-off for the world title. So if Forest do not play for it, there will be no World Championship this year.

● Paolo Pulici, the Torino striker who has scored 120 League goals in the last ten years, has decided not to sign a new contract. There should be no shortage of offers for him when the brief 'in season transfer week' opens soon. Most of the top clubs, allowed one foreigner, have gone for midfield generals, and good strikers in Italy are like gold dust.

● 1FC Nürnberg, newly-promoted Bundesliga club, pulled in a 60,000 crowd for their game with Hamburger SV. Unfortunately they were beaten 3-2 by a late own-goal. Traditionally clubs fresh up from Division Two have struggled to stay up in their first two or three years and Nürnberg appear to be no exception.

● The West German F.A. show no sign of easing up on their strict disciplinary record. The first two players sent-off this season each received an eight-game ban.

● With Eintracht Frankfurt's Korean star

Bum-Kun Cha in hospital with Achilles tendon trouble and a knee injury, his club and the Frankfurt Press began a 'brutality in the Bundesliga' campaign. The Korean was fouled, it appears, by a Jürgen Gelsdorf of Bayer Leverkusen, but because he was not sent-off the F.A. are powerless.

● Gerhard Hanappi, the 52-year-old former Austrian international with 93 caps and a world record of 55 caps in succession, has been given the job of designing a new ground for his old club SC Rapid. While playing, Hanappi qualified as an architect and has had his own business for years.

● The West German sports magazine *Der Kicker* is currently selling 2½ million copies per week!

● Sevilla goalkeeper Paco has been suspended by the Spanish club for assaulting a reporter after a training session.

● Spain's 1982 World Cup committee has been averaging about £250,000 per week profit from its rake-off from the state-run pools. The cash is being used to finance ground improvements at the 17 World Cup stadiums.

TWO experiments have been conducted to show the physical demands of the modern game. In Switzerland, referee Andre Daine used a pedometer to determine that he ran more than four miles in one game of which about 1½ miles was sprinting. In Argentina, Diego Maradona was 'tested'. He sprinted more than two miles and in total covered 4½ miles.

GREEN, GREEN GRASS OF HOME

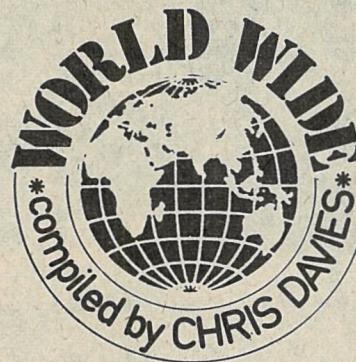
HOW'S this for dedication? Chilean First Division side Cobreloa are from a mining town in a desert region in the North of the country. Since they gained promotion to the top Division two years ago, they've had their sights fixed on a first-class pitch... with grass!

They sowed tons of seed, but experts finally decided that the desert sand was so saline that there was no hope of the much-coveted grass taking root.

Undeterred, they brought in 3,600 tons of prime-quality topsoil from a town 180 miles away, and can finally boast a good grass pitch.

For all that effort, it's their just deserts.

PELÉ and his wife Rose have been divorced in New York where the court awarded half of Pelé's house, worth £500,000, a large monthly pension and a capital sum to her for his three children. Pelé has appealed.

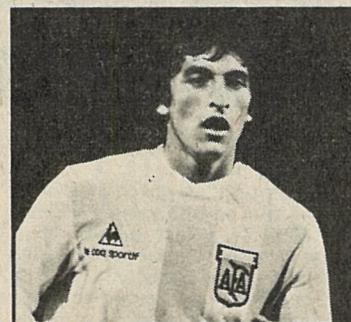


Puppet on a chain

SEPP Maier's memoirs have now been published and the former West German international goalkeeper star has upset Bayern Munich's general-manager Uli Hoeneß.

Among other things, he claims that manager-coach Pal Csernai is a puppet held on a string by Paul Breitner and that when Maier had his benefit match (seen here) the Bayern players asked for £6,000 each appearance money!

Hoeneß told the Press: "They might have asked, but they got nothing, and Maier collected £312,000 for his benefit game against the German national team."



HOPING to be hosts for the Finals of the 1984 European Championship, the French F.A. have guaranteed to provide six stadiums with at least 60,000 capacity. They have only two right now, which will mean spending a lot of money if they get the vote from U.E.F.A. They have already staged the Finals once, in 1960.

URUGUAY'S "Mundialito" — a reunion of former World Cup winners scheduled for the New Year — is running into trouble with radio and T.V. organisations in South America.

An outfit called Strasad has acquired all the rights, and is trying to re-sell transmissions at high prices.

Argentina's radio stations have been asked for a million dollars, and the South American T.V. confederation, OTI, has already broken off negotiations, alleging that it's impossible to deal sensibly with Strasad.

AFTER Italy's European Championship flop when, at home, they were expected to win the title but had to be satisfied with fourth place, rumours have been everywhere about replacing team manager Enzo Bearzot or giving him an assistant.

Now the authorities have moved and appointed 48-year-old Cesare Maldini to be the number two. Maldini played for 15 years for AC Milan as sweeper and was captain of both his club and of Italy.

MacDonald still a Rangers season ticket holder

THE sight was familiar to the Celtic fans. The opponent in midfield was bristling with energy and drive as he raced all over the pitch motivating and coaxing his colleagues.

It was little pocket dynamo Alex MacDonald in action for the first time against Celtic since his bargain £30,000 transfer from Rangers to Hearts this season.

As usual, MacDonald got a hot reception from the Parkhead fans and he thrived on it. As usual, MacDonald was in where the action was hottest and was involved in two controversial flash-points with Celtic's powerhouse Roy Aitken.

In the first, Aitken was booked for fouling MacDonald from behind. It might have looked a harsh decision by the referee, but there was no doubt in the second instance when Aitken just about rugby-tackled MacDonald and sent him flying through the air while he was in full flight.

The Celtic defender was immediately ordered off and was banned by the SFA for four games. MacDonald must have felt he was back in the heat of an Old Firm explosion where it's normally always a case of shoot first and ask



Alex MacDonald, a Rangers fan battling for Hearts.

questions later!

"We didn't really compete against Celtic," said MacDonald, after his side's 2-0 defeat. "We've got good players here at Tynecastle, but they must keep going for the entire 90 minutes and give their all.

"It's a big difference from Ran-

gers, of course, and it was obviously a wrench to leave Ibrox, but the time was right and I had to go.

"But I'll be back at Ibrox whenever I can in the future. I've still got a season ticket for the home games and I'll be popping along to cheer on the lads if I get the opportunity.

"I suppose I'll always be a Rangers fan, but one thing is certain... I'll still be in there fighting whenever Hearts play them."

"Hearts are my prime consideration at the moment and I will give them everything, but when my playing days are over I'll probably spend my Saturdays at Ibrox."

MacDonald, born a corner-kick away from Ibrox, even had a wedding photograph taken outside Rangers' stadium while he was still a St Johnstone player!

The aggression and power that stamped his play at Ibrox and earned him a full Scottish international cap four years ago is still very much in evidence at Tynecastle.

'Incredible'

Dave Bowman, a 16-year-old with a fabulous future, says: "It's incredible to play alongside Alex in midfield. You can't help picking up something in each game."

"He is always there with a word of inspiration to help you through the game when things aren't quite going according to plan. He is an ideal team man and I can't praise him highly enough."

"Alex has worked wonders with my game and he deserves great credit."

MacDonald still possesses the snap and crackle in the tackle that brought him fame at Ibrox. Lucky Hearts!

Ormond-Connolly double act starring again

TWELVE years ago Willie Ormond introduced an 18-year-old forward to his St Johnstone forward line and the youngster immediately captivated soccer audiences everywhere.

His silken touch, graceful ability, inventive touch and goalscoring flair made him an outstanding prospect. The name? John Connolly.

Today that partnership has been renewed in the Scottish First Division with Hibs, but what weird and wonderful paths Ormond and Connolly have travelled along since those days with St Johnstone.

International

Ormond left the Perth post when Tommy Docherty quit as manager of the Scottish international job in '72. He took over and led the team to the World Cup Finals in West Germany before sensationally quitting four years ago to take over as boss of struggling Hearts.

The former Hibs outside-left was sacked last season and moved on to first love Hibs as an assistant to Eddie Turnbull.

The shocks continued when Turnbull was axed after the 5-0 Scottish Cup Semi-Final drubbing from Celtic and Ormond was given the job with a two-year contract.

While Ormond was wandering from job to job Connolly was in English football. The Perth Saints sold him to Everton for £80,000

and a similar fee took him on to Birmingham City.

Newcastle then got in on the act to take him to St James' Park, but Bill McGarry's last act as their manager this season was to give Connolly a free transfer.

"I asked to be allowed to leave St James' Park," says Connolly. "Things just weren't working out for me."

"Bill McGarry agreed and gave me a free. I was delighted to get the opportunity to move on. You can imagine my surprise when I got the chance to go to Hibs."

"I have the utmost respect for Willie Ormond as a manager and a man. He has always impressed me on and off the field. Several other clubs were in for me, but I was happy to sign for Hibs."

"They might not have had the happiest of seasons last time out, but obviously there is too much

talent at Easter Road for this to continue."

Connolly, at 30, feels he still has a lot to offer and his experience will be invaluable if Hibs are to climb back into the Premier Divi-

sion after their disastrous exit last season.

With Connolly playing alongside Peter Cormack, tipped to be the new Hibs boss when Ormond quits in '82, Hibs have an engine room with cultured and classy players.

Connolly is rumoured to have picked up something in the region

of over £15,000 for signing for Hibs and he is already giving great value for money.

Ormond and Connolly had a marvellous double-act at Perth. Hibs fans are hoping they have not lost their magic touch.



John Connolly, now back with his former boss Willie Ormond at Hibs after a number of moves through England.

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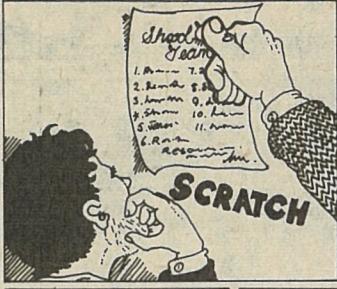
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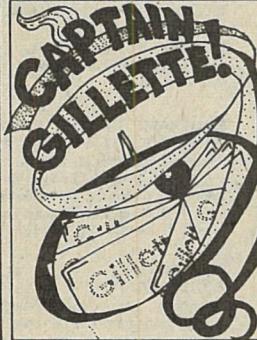
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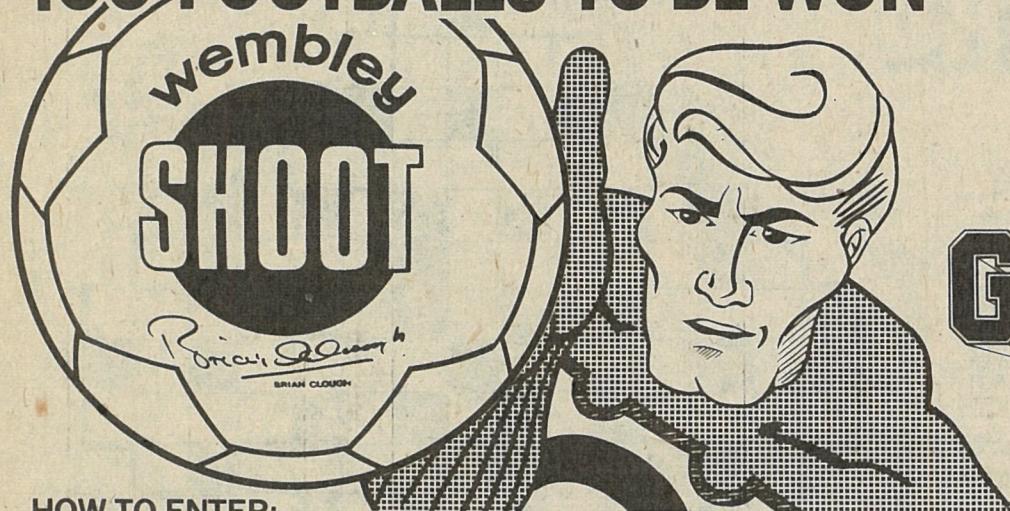
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LINE-UPS... RESULTS... SCORERS...

Saturday, September 20
(Continued)

First Division

BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Robinson, Stevens)

NORWICH (0) 0 14,877

Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, Stevens, Ward, Robinson, Smith, McNab. **Norwich: Hansbury, Bond, Nightingale (Royle), Barham, Hadley, Powell, Woods, Fashanu, Muzinic, Padden, Goble.**

EVERTON (0) 5 (Latchford 3, Gidman pen, Eastoe)

C. PALACE (0) 0 26,950

Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Lyons, Stanley, McMahon, Eastoe, Latchford, Hartford, McBride.

Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Lovell, Cannon, Gilbert (Brooks), Smillie, Francis, Allen, Flanagan, Murphy.

IPSWICH (0) 2 (Wark 2)

COVENTRY (0) 0 20,507

Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Butcher, Osman, Wark, Muhr, Mariner, Brazil (O'Callaghan), Gates.

Coventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Jacobs, Bodak (English), Daly, Hateley, Hutchison, Hunt.

LEEDS 0

MAN UTD 0 32,539

Leeds: Lukic, Hird, Cherry, Firm, Stevenson, Flynn, Hart, Gray, Parlane, Connor, Graham.

Man Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Jovanovic, Buchan, Albiston, Grimes, McIlroy, Macari (Duxbury), Greenhoff, Copell, Thomas.

MAN CITY (1) 1 (Tueart)

STOKE (2) 2 (Ursem, Chapman) 29,507

Man City: Corrigan, Reid, Booth, Caton, Power, Daley, Henry (Palmer), Mackenzie, Tueart, Bennett, Deyna.

Stoke: Fox, Evans, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Hampton, Dodd, Thorley, Bracewell, Ursem, Heath, Chapman.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Proctor, Armstrong)

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Rix) 14,680

Middlesbrough: Stewart, Crags, Bailey, Johnston, McAndrew, Angus, Cochrane (Nattrass), Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.

Arsenal: Wood, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price, Rix.

NOTTM FOR (1) 5 (Gray, Birtles 2, Robertson pen, Mills)

LEICESTER (0) 0 27,145

Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Ponte, Birtles, Wallace (Mills), Robertson.

Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Gibson, Goodwin, May, O'Neill (Welch), Grewcock, Henderson, Young, Wilson, Smith.

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Nicholl, Boyer)

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Souness, Fairclough) 24,085

Southampton: Wells, Golac, McCartney, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon, Boyer, Holmes, Baker.

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Cohen, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Daighish, Lee, Fairclough, McDermott (Irwin), Souness.

TOTTENHAM 0

SUNDERLAND 0 32,030

Tottenham: Daines, Smith, Hughton, Taylor (Armstrong), Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Villa, Hoddie, Crooks.

Sunderland: Turner, Hinnigan (Dunn), Bolton, Allardice, Elliott, Chisholm, Arnott, Rowell, Robson, Brown, Cummins.

Second Division

BLACKBURN (2) 2 (Garner, Stonehouse)

GRIMSBY (0) 0 10,338

Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Keeley, Fazackerley, DeVries, Brotherston, Kendall, McKenzie, Speight, Stonehouse, Garner.

Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Wiggington, Crombie, Moore, Broly (Ford), Waters, Mitchell, Cummings, Liddell, Drinik.



Frank Gray (Nottingham Forest)

BOLTON (0) 1 (Whatmore)

SWANSEA (3) 4 (James (L), Waddle 2, Robinson)

9,419

Bolton: Peacock, Clement, Burke, Cantello, Gowling, Walsh, Nowak, Whatmore, Wilson, Kidd, Hogan.

Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Hadzibabic, Mahoney, Stevenson, Phillips, Giles, Waddle (Craig), James (L), Charles, Robinson.

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0

NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Masson) 7,485

Bristol City: Cashley, Sweeney, Rodgers, Merrick, Hay, Mann, Tainton, Gow, Whitehead, Mabbutt, Ritchie.

Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, Richards, Kilcline, O'Brien, Kelly (Woods), Hunt, Masson, Hooks, Harkouk, McCullouch.

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Ronson, Pontin)

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Lee) 6,850

Cardiff: Grotier, Grapes, Lewis, Maddy, Pontin, Dwyer (Campbell), Bishop, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.

Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Gillies (Bates), Baker, McCaffery, Mabbutt, Hughes, Pulis, Williams, Barrowclough, Penny, Lee.

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Lee)

PRESTON (0) 1 (Elliott)

13,755

Chelsea: Borota, Wilkins, Rofe, Burnstead, Droy, Nutton, Britton, Fillery (Rhodes-Brown), Lee, Walker, Chivers.

Preston: Tunks, Westwell, Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, O'Riordan, Bell, Coleman, McGee, Elliott, Houston.

DERBY (0) 0

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Edwards)

16,823

Derby: Jones, Emery, Osgood, Ramage, Buckley, Powell (S), Skivington, Powell (B), Biley, Swindlehurst, Emson.

Wrexham: Davies, Sutton, Davis, Cegielski, Jones, Carrodus, Fox, McNeil (Hill), Cartwright, Vinter, Edwards.

LUTON (0) 2 (Stein, Hill)

ORIENT (0) 1 (Moore)

8,506

Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, West, Antic, Moss.

Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Parsons, Chiedozie, Moores, Mayo, Bowles, Margerrison.

NEWCASTLE 0

OLDHAM 0

19,700

Newcastle: Hardwick, Carney, Boam, Mitchell, Davies, Walker, Koenen, Shoulder, Hibbit, Clark, Rafferty.

Oldham: McDonnell, Hoilckin, Clements, Hurst, Blair, Kowenicki, Keegan, Futch, Atkinson, Stainrod, Wyde.

SHEFF WED (1) 1 (Pearson)

Q.P.R. (0) 0

15,195

Sheff Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering, King, Taylor, Johnson (Oliver), Owen, Pearson, Mellor.

Q.P.R.: Woods, Shanks, Gillard (Burke), Waddock, Wicks, Roeder, McCreery, King, Langley, Currie, Hill.

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (King, Dungworth)

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Gibbins)

4,465

Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Larkin, Lindsay, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Turner, Dungworth, Biggins (Cross), Petts.

Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbins, O'Neill (Stringer), Spriggs, Evans, Finney, Christie.

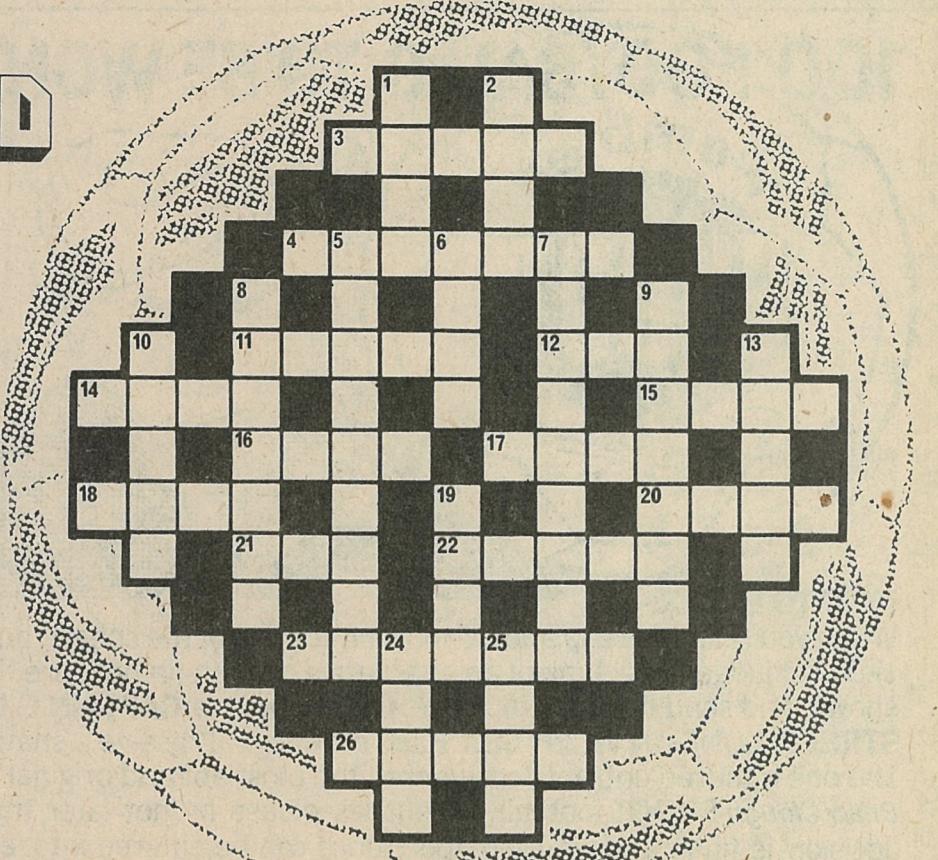
ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

ACROSS:

- (3) George —, Wolves defender. (5)
- (4) Affect strongly by one's performance. (7)
- (11) Wounds or gashes with a kick. (5)
- (12) An injury to one terminated Gordon Banks' first class playing career. (3)
- (14) Take four letters from Kevin Arnott (Sunderland) to make an Italian volcano.
- (15) Bert Trautmann, another famous former goalkeeper, played the closing stages of the 1956 F.A. Cup Final with a broken one. (4)
- (16) Deprived of feeling. (4)
- (17) Enthusiastic. (4)
- (18) Harps; Bass League of Ireland club. (4)
- (20) Merit. (4)
- (21) There is a "rubbing" kind used in massage. (3)

- (22) Slackened. (5)
- (23) Giving out. (7)
- (26) Park, venue of many F.A. Cup Semi-Finals.
- DOWN:**
- (1) — Maier; former Bayern Munich & W. German goalkeeper. (4)
- (2) Ches-e-fi-ld play at R-creation Ground (4)
- (5) Ipswich Town and England full-back. (4 & 5)
- (6) Trevor —, Everton mid-field player. (4)
- (7) Byron —, of Leeds United. (9)
- (8) Mike —, Southampton striker. (7)
- (9) Ray and Alan — of Liverpool. (7)
- (10) Brian —, Luton Town striker. (5)
- (13) Get a goal. (5)
- (19) Bill of fare. (4)
- (24) When the ball does this it is difficult to control. (4)
- (25) Lazy. (3)

ANSWERS ON PAGE 48



LINE-UPS... RESULTS... SCORERS...

WEST HAM (0) 3 (Cross, Barnes, Brooking)
 WATFORD (1) 2 (Poskett, Jackett) 24,288
 West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Barnes, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike. Watford: Steele, Henderson, Jackett, Blissett, Sims, Bolton, Callaghan (Harrison), Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Rostron.

Third Division

BARNESLEY (0) 2 (Glavin pen, Parker)	9,747
SWINDON (0) 0	
BLACKPOOL (0) 0	6,738
BRENTFORD (2) 3 (Crown 2, Walker)	
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Hales pen)	6,738
COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Foley, Hodge)	
CHESTER 0	3,402
BURNLEY 0	
CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Birch 2 (1 pen), Ridley)	
NEWPORT (0) 2 (Gwyther, Tynan)	5,277
FULHAM (1) 2 (Davies, Lock pen)	
WALSALL (0) 1 (Buckley)	4,573
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Stanton)	
SHEFF UTD (0) 0	14,721
HULL (1) 2 (Edwards, Swann)	
PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Brisley)	4,613
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Gregory)	
EXETER (0) 0	3,638
OXFORD (1) 1 (Lythgoe)	
CARLISLE (1) 2 (Staniforth, Beardsley)	2,712
PLYMOUTH (2) 4 (Kemp 2, Hodges, Bason)	
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Price)	6,719
ROTHERHAM (2) 2 (Moore 2)	
READING (0) 0	4,461

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Robinson)	
MANSFIELD (0) 0	3,607
CREWE (1) 2 (McMahon, Conroy)	
HALIFAX (1) 1 (Nattress)	2,102
HARTELEPOOL (1) 2 (Houchen, Ayre)	
HEREFORD (0) 0	2,320
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Cooke)	
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0	3,774
PORT VALE (3) 4 (Keenan 2, Allen, Farrell)	
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Walsh 2)	2,158
ROCHDALE (0) 0	
BRADFORD (2) 2 (McNiven 2)	3,221
WIGAN (1) 2 (Gore 2 (1 pen))	
BURY (0) 1 (Johnson)	6,239
WIMBLEDON (0) 0	
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Hobson)	2,320

Scottish Premier

CELTIC (0) 1 (Nicholas)	
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Clarke)	18,000
Celtic: Bonnar, Sneddon, McGrain, Conroy, McAdam, Weir, Provan, Sullivan, McCluskey (Doyle), Burns, Nicholas.	
Airdrie: Martin, Erwin, Rodger, Walker, Anderson (G), Anderson (N), Thompson (McGuire), Clarke, McVeigh, Gordon, McCulloch.	
HEARTS (0) 0	
MORTON (1) 1 (McNeill)	5,996
Hearts: Brough, Jeffries, Sheilds, Boyd, Liddell, Robinson, Bowan, Gibson (Conn), O'Connor, Robertson (C), (Robertson (M)), MacDonald.	
Morton: Barnes, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, McNeill (Tolmie), Cochrane, Thompson, Hutchison (Mauchlen), McLaren.	
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Bourke)	
RANGERS (3) 8 (McDonald 3, Redford 2 (1 pen), McAdam, Jardine, Bett)	20,000
Kilmarnock: Brown, McLean, Robertson, Clark, Armstrong, McDicken, Houston (Gibson), Mauchlen, Bourke, Cramond (Maxwell), Street.	
Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Miller, Johnstone, Jackson (Forsyth), Bett, McLean, MacDonald, McAdam (Johnston), Redford, Cooper.	
PARTICK (0) 0	
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (McGhee)	6,000
Partick: Rough, Doyle, Whittaker, Campbell, O'Hara (Scott), Welsh, Park, Gibson, Higgins, Watson, MacDonald (Lapsley).	



West Ham's Bobby Barnes celebrates his equaliser against Watford.

Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Bell, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, McMaster, McGhee, Hewitt (Hamilton), Scanlon.

ST MIRREN (1) 2 (McDougall, Stark)

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 5,700

St Mirren: Thomson, Young, Beckett, Richardson, McCormick, Copland, McDougal, Stark, Somer, Weir, Bone.

Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Kirkwood, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Sturrock, Payne (Campbell), Smith, Dodds (Holt).

Scottish First

BERWICK (1) 3 (Egan, Hamilton, Tait)	
MOTHERWELL (1) 2 (Clinging, Kidd)	1,191
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Milles, McCormick)	
AYR (1) 2 (Connor, Fry)	1,000
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0	
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (McCoist 2)	3,100
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0	
EAST STIRLING (1) 2 (McCaig, Grant)	
STIRLING (0) 0	750
HAMILTON (0) 1 (Graham)	
HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Connolly)	5,197
RAITH (2) 4 (Harrow, Urquhart, Lawson 2)	
DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Coyle (J))	1,400

Scottish Second

ALBION (0) 2 (Huston, Mulvaney)	
BRECHIN (1) 3 (Clarke 2, Cormack)	350
FORFAR (0) 1 (McPhee)	
QoS (0) 2 (Cameron (o.g.), Robertson)	1,000
MEADOWBANK (0) 0	
CLYDE (2) 2 (Kean (J), Masterton)	300
MONROSE (0) 2 (Murray, Robb)	
ALLOA (0) 1 (McComb)	500
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 (Irvine, McCoy)	
EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Scott (G))	800
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Jenkins pen)	
COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Liddle)	400
STRANRAER (0) 0	
ARBROATH (1) 2 (Myles (S), Yuill)	500

Monday, September 22

Football League Cup

(Third Round)

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Bradd)

ARSENAL (1) 3 (Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton)

Stockport: Lawson, Rutter, Sherlock, Fowler, Sword, Uzelac, Williams, Sunley, Bradd, Galvin, Coyle.

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IPSWICH (1) 1 (Osman)

NORWICH (0) 1 (Fashanu) 26,462

Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhran, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.

Norwich: Hansbury, Bond, Muzinic, Barham, Headley, Powell, Woods, Fashanu, Jack, Paddon, Goble.

LIVERPOOL (2) 5 (Lee 2, Dalglish, Cockerill (o.g.), Fairclough)

SWINDON (0) 0 16,566

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Cohen, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Fairclough, McDermott, Souness.

Swindon: Allan, Henry, Trollope, Kama, Lewis, Carter, Miller, Cockerill, Rowland, Mayes, Greenwood.

LUTON (1) 1 (Antic)

MANCHESTER CITY (2) 2 (Bennett, Henry) 10,300

Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Greasham, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, West, Antic, Moss.

Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, Reid, Booth, Caton, Henry, Power, Daley, Palmer, Bennett, Reeves.

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 4 (O'Brien (pen), Christie, Kelly, Hooks)

QPR (0) 1 (Langley) 6,644

Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly, Kilcline, Richards, McCullough, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Hooks.

QPR: Woods, McCrae, Burke, Waddock, Wicks, Roeder, King, Shanks, Langley, Currie, Neal.

PRESTON (0) 1 (Coleman)

OXFORD (0) 0 5,722

Preston: Tunks, Westwell, Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, O'Rordan, Bell, Coleman, McGee, Elliott (Sayer), Houston.

Oxford: Burton, Kington, Jeffrey, Fogg, Cooke, Shotton, Brock, Taylor, Foley, Jones (Berry), Lythgoe.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 1 (Pearson)

WATFORD (0) 2 (Poskett, Jenkins) 14,085

Sheff. Wed: Cox, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, King (Oliver), Pickering, Taylor, Melor, Owen, McCullough, Pearson.

Watford: Steele, Henderson, Harrison, Blissett, Sims, Jackett, Cassells, Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Rostron.

Bell's Scottish League Cup

(Third Round, first-leg)

HAMILTON (0) 1 (McDowell)

CELTIC (2) 3 (Doyle, Nicholas, Burns) 9,000

Tuesday, September 23

Football League Cup

(Third Round)

BARNSLEY (1) 3 (Glavin, Parker, Banks)

CARDIFF (0) 2 (Buchanan, Lewis) 13,135

Barnsley: New, Cooper, Chambers, Glavin, Banks, McCarthy, Evans, Parker, Riley, Lester, Downes.

Cardiff: Grotier, Grapes, Lewis, Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Bishop, Kitchen, Stevens, Buchanan.

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Gallagher)

BLACKBURN (0) 0 14,580

Birmingham: Wealands, Langan, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Givens, Worthington, Gemmill, Dillon.

Blackburn: Butcher, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brosterston, Stonehouse, Garner, McKenzie, Speight.

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Ryan)

COVENTRY (1) 2 (English, Hutchison) 14,426

Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, Stevens, Ward, Robinson, Smith, Ryan.

Coventry: Blyth, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Jacobs, Hutchison, Daly, Hateley, English, Hunt.

BRISTOL ROVERS 0

PORTSMOUTH 0 (At Ashton Gate) 6,982

Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Jones, Bater, McCaffery, Mabbett, Hughes, Pulis, Williams, Robinson, Smith, Ryan.

Portsmouth: Mellor, McLaughlin, Viney, Brisley, Aizelwood, Garner, Laidlaw, Bryant, Gregory, Perrin, Rogers.

BURY (0) 0

NOTTM FOREST (3) 7 (Ponte 3, Mills, Anderson, Birtles 2)

21,500

Bury: Forrest, Howard, Kennedy, Madden, Whitehead, Waddington, Mullen, Helford (Hilton), Johnson, Waldran, Farley.

Nottingham Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Ponte, Birtles, Mills, Robertson.

CAMBRIDGE (2) 2 (Finney, Spriggs)

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Morley) 7,608

Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbons, Evans, Spriggs, Reilly, Finney, Christie.

Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Geddis, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Robinson)

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Cross 2) 17,884

Charlton: Wood, Gritt, Warman, Berry, Shaw, Tydeman, Smith, Powell, Walsh, Hales, Robinson.

West Ham: Parkes, Lampard, Brush, Martin, Bonds, Stewart, Devonshire, Pike, Barnes, Goddard, Cross.

Bell's Scottish League Cup

(Third Round, second-leg)

ABERDEEN (2) 3 (McMaster, Strachan 2 (2 pens))

RANGERS (0) 1 (McAdam) 19,000

Aberdeen win 3-2 on aggregate

AYR (1) 4 (Connor, Robinson (og), Frye, Morris)

HEARTS (0) 0 4,484

Ayr win 7-2 on aggregate.

CELTIC (2) 4 (Nicholas, Burns, McGarvey 2)

HAMILTON (0) 1 (McManus) 10,000

Celtic win 7-2 on aggregate

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Given (pen))

RAITH (0) 0 1,000

Clydebank win 2-0 on aggregate

DUNDEE UTD (1) 4 (Holt, Sturrock 2, Milne)

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Irvine, Clinging) 5,628

At. Dundee Utd win 5-4 on aggregate



'FORGET BEST, LAW, CHARLTON'~ Jimmy Nicholl

IT'S time Manchester United supporters realised that the halcyon days of Best, Charlton and Law are over.

So says the club's Northern Ireland international full-back Jimmy Nicholl, who is sick of hearing people drawing comparisons between the present Red Devils and those of the past.

"Nobody loved those great players who brought United so much glory more than I did, but they have gone, and the sooner everyone realises that the better.

"I believe comparisons are odious and a waste of time anyway, but the problem at Old Trafford is that the fans want us to play the sort of free-flowing stuff that Bestie and Law were famous for, and

"Denis Law, the former idol of the Stretford End, against Chelsea.



that isn't always possible.

"Any team has to play to its strengths and if you don't have the type of man to play that sort of football it's suicidal to attempt it."

Nicholl was relieved when United rammed five goals past a somewhat bewildered Leicester City — bewildered because in their previous six games United had managed only one goal.

"We just couldn't hit the target, and when that starts happening frustration and doubt set in. It wasn't just that the strikers were finding life hard, the defenders weren't getting forward as much as they did last season when we finished runners-up to Liverpool.

"The foundation of any side is its defence, and fortunately we haven't been letting in many goals, but it's been a hesitant start to the season in some ways.

"But I suppose it was bound to happen when you consider we have been without players like Gordon McQueen, Joe Jordan and Ray Wilkins. Naturally you miss them, and often you don't realise how much at the time, but once those three are fit again, I think we'll pick up all right.

"Lads like Nicky Jovanovic, Ashley Grimes and Andy Ritchie have all come in and done well, but it is bound to upset the stability of a side when you're missing three

I came as no surprise when I had my pelvic operation a couple of weeks ago. I'd broken down three times and that doesn't happen if the injury isn't serious. I saw a specialist on October 1st and he advised an op.

The trouble stems from the pelvis, where there is a bruised tendon; when they opened me up, they cleaned the tendon and moved it slightly, enabling me to stretch my left leg more.

It isn't as serious as it sounds. I don't know when I'll be back in action, but it'll be weeks rather than months, touch wood.

I've had the injury for a while; it was one of those that I hoped would go away naturally. Initially it didn't prevent me from playing, even though I could 'feel' it.

I played with the handicap during the European Championship. The slower pace of the international game allowed me to get away with it . . . you don't have to twist and turn at that level as you do in the hustle and bustle of the Football League.

Should I have actually played in Italy? Well, we can all be more knowledgeable in hindsight. The fact is, I was sure that a few weeks rest during the close-season would

clear the problem. Also, you don't pass up the chance of playing in a major Championship lightly.

Luck wasn't with me, though. While in Barbados on holiday, I slipped in excess water by the side of a swimming pool. I tried to correct myself and ended up doing a poor imitation of John Curry. My leg went out in front of me in a sort of splits, which probably damaged the tendon even more.

I tried resting the groin — that didn't do the trick. Resting was driving me mad. How do you rest? I was getting up, going downstairs and sitting in an armchair. I must have watched the Pink Panther ten times on my video!

It wasn't the sort of injury that required treatment, which at least keeps you in touch with the other lads. My wife Jackie has never been

Ray Wilkins
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LEFT: "Mick Duxbury is a tremendous prospect. He has stood in very well for injured players this season."

these injuries as an excuse for why things have gone wrong. We have enough good players at Old Trafford to overcome such problems and I certainly wouldn't put any blame on those players who have come in for the 'crocks'.

Mick Duxbury, for example, is a tremendous prospect, a quiet lad but capable of doing a good job for us not just for a game or two, but on a long-term basis.

It's difficult for me to say exactly why things have gone against us as I've seen so few games. The spirit is good and I believe we can still win the Championship.

Going out of Europe was a big blow. Manchester United and European football go hand in hand and after a couple of 'blank' years, it was a big disappointment for everyone to go out in the First Round to Widzew Lodz.

All credit to the Poles, though, who looked a very useful team. They could do well in the U.E.F.A. Cup; from what I saw, I have the

ON DESPITE MY INJURY"

taken out so much! We went to London to see our parents, although when a complete rest from training didn't do the trick, I knew an operation was imminent.

The longest I'd been sidelined previously was two months with knee ligament trouble at Chelsea. That was during the Big Freeze of two years ago and I only missed about three games because of the adverse weather conditions.

I hate not playing football. Mind you, when I look at players like Trevor Francis and Jimmy Greenhoff, I realise I'm not so badly off. Trev has a really nasty injury, while Jimmy was even advised to quit soccer. I must confess that thought flashed through my mind one or twice — you get so much time to think that your thoughts tend to go a bit wild sometimes . . .

Jimmy has been very sympathetic — he understands my problems. All I can do now is to get myself back to peak fitness and hope for the best.

Meanwhile, it's not been a happy opening two months for United. Out of the League Cup, out of the U.E.F.A. Cup and an injury list that reads like M.A.S.H.

However, I still refuse to use

impression that away from home their counter-attacking style may pose problems for opponents.

Whatever the disappointments, the great thing about United fans is that they always give the team 100 per cent backing. This makes losing all the harder for the players.

If United don't win the Championship I hope Ipswich Town, our opponents this Saturday, do. I have a sneaking suspicion the title will elude them, despite their bright start. Ipswich are a first-class team . . . exciting to watch, they score goals from all departments and it's hard to find a weakness in their line-up.

They are also a smashing set of lads and I'd be delighted to see them finish first if we don't.

I missed last season's game at Portman Road through injury — that was when Town hit us for six. Despite victory at Nottingham Forest, our away form, especially in terms of goalscoring, has been poor, so a win at Ipswich would be a great boost for us.

Join me in a fortnight.

larry morgan

LEFT: "Going out of the League Cup at the first hurdle against Coventry was a big disappointment to United."



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He went to Greece where he spent three

Welcome back, Wilf



years and took two teams into European competition before returning to England to take control of York City.

It was an unhappy time for McGuinness as York slumped from the Second Division to the Fourth in successive seasons. Inevitably, it brought him the sack again.

A spell at Hull as chief coach ended last December when manager Ken Houghton was dismissed and the rest of his staff went with him.

"It wasn't a very nice feeling," he recalls, "So I was delighted when Jim Iley was made manager at Bury and asked me to take charge of the reserves. Obviously, it's different from Old Trafford, but I'm just glad to be back in football."

"I made mistakes at United but I was keen, full of confidence. With the benefit of hindsight, perhaps a bit more guile would have helped me."

So, would McGuinness like to try again in management? At 42, he is certainly young enough.

"Let's wait and see," he says. "At the moment, I've got a job to do at Bury and I'm happy here."

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'Keegan sets a great example'

says Villa captain Dennis Mortimer

DENNIS Mortimer clearly spells out the reason for his extra motivation this season. He says: "In ten seasons I've known some League Cup success with Aston Villa and gained England Under-23 caps. But I want more than that, and if we can win the League Championship my big ambition for the club will be realised."

Not that Dennis has ever shown lack of drive in his play. He was made skipper two seasons ago because of his total commitment and believes he can lead Villa to honours this season.

'Recognition'

Mortimer says: "Liverpool are not going to find it so easy to dominate this time. Neither can Manchester United count on a top three spot. There are other teams, such as Ipswich, Southampton, Spurs and Villa who will be making big efforts for recognition, which is a healthy sign for the game."

"Last season we finished seventh in the League because we weren't consistent enough. Now, our squad is stronger, numbering about 18 players, so there will be healthy competition for places."

One player who is an addition to the squad since last season is Peter Withe, and Mortimer feels that the big, ex-Newcastle United striker is already proving his worth to Villa.

"Peter has added mobility to the attack, given it an extra dimension.

He has also struck up a good understanding with Gary Shaw, who takes on the role of an old-fashioned inside-forward alongside Withe. And Peter, dangerous in the air and on the ground, makes full use of the support he gets, some of which comes from Tony Morley."

To Mortimer, what is most important to Aston Villa if they are challenging seriously for the Championship is the capacity to develop the right approach.

He explains: "I think football is mainly concerned with attitude, and Southampton's Kevin Keegan demonstrates this perfectly. He not only has real talent — he is also a worker, which comes as a surprise to the many people who are convinced that a player who is clever on the ball doesn't need to chase around like less talented colleagues."

"I must admit I've been frustrated in the past by players who wouldn't do their fair share of work, but with our present squad I'm confident we'll all pull our weight."

"In the Midlands, as in other places, the economic recession has meant that fewer people are ready to spend their money on football."

"This makes it all the more essential for players to provide entertainment, and my impression is that this season is shaping up to become one of the best. I would like it to be extra special for all the fans and a memorable one for Aston Villa."

SHOOT!

KILMARNOCK



BACK ROW (left to right): Jim Cockburn, Jim Hughes, Tommy Bryce, Stuart McLean, George Maxwell, Alistair Wilson, John McClure, Joe McBride, Steve Black, Joe Cairney, Danny Kilpatrick.

MIDDLE ROW: Hugh Allan (physio), Gordon Wilson, Bobby Houston, John Bourke, Paul Clarke, Alan McCulloch, Kenny Armstrong, Derrick McDicken, Frank Welsh, Albert Morrison, Rab Stewart (assistant trainer).

FRONT ROW: Dave Sneddon (manager), Jim Doherty, Gordon Crannmond, Ian Gibson, Alan Robertson, Alistair Mauchien, Bobby Street, Jim Clark, Gordon McCreadie, Ronnie Hamilton (coach).

THE oddly-named Rugby Park is the picturesque ground of Kilmarnock, the provincial club who are determined to rid themselves of the homely image in exchange for a more get-up-and-go attitude.

"We've got to be taken more seriously," says rugged centre-back Derrick McDicken, who has been in the transfer spotlight continually since the start of the season.

"Kilmarnock are a club with ambition, and we want to be right up there at the top. It's no use teams coming to Rugby Park and saying how much they enjoy playing there.

"That's not much of a compliment, is it? We want them to shudder at the thought of visiting our ground. That was the way it was not so long ago and the current crop of players are anxious that we return to that particular state of affairs."

The Rugby Park regulars sigh when they think of the team Kilmarnock might have been able to field today if it wasn't so necessary for the club to sell some of their best players.

In just over a season, part-time Killie sold Gordon Smith — now at Brighton — to Rangers for £65,000, Iain McCulloch to Notts County for £80,000, Jim Stewart to Middlesbrough for £110,000 and Davie Provan to Celtic for £125,000.

Those transfers tore the heart out of a side that was obviously going in the right direction, but it says a lot for McDicken and his team-mates that the team still managed to clinch promotion to

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

KILLIE GETTING SERIOUS

the Premier Division two seasons ago and consolidated their position last time out.

"There's a marvellous atmosphere at this club," says winger Bobby Houston. "I even took a cut in wages to leave Partick Thistle and come here.

"You might think that was crazy, but, believe me, it was worth it just to play in a more relaxed atmosphere in front of a set of fans who are famous for their sportsmanship.

"We are all hoping to put Kilmarnock back on the soccer map again. They won the First Division title in 1965 when I was still at school, but they haven't done much since then.

"A return to the very top is long overdue and don't think we can't do it. We have some useful players here and the partnership of Paul

Clarke and Derrick McDicken in the heart of the defence is one of the strongest in Scotland.

"There aren't many attackers who can enjoy playing against those lads. I'm talking from experience. It wasn't that long ago that I was lining up against them as a Partick Thistle player!

"If we can get a bit of good fortune and the bounce of the ball every now and again I'm sure we will surprise some critics who think part-time teams shouldn't be allowed in the Premier Division.

"We are there on merit and we will stay there."

Kilmarnock manager David Sneddon took over four seasons ago when Willie Fernie left. It is a pity that former Celtic wizard Fernie is now out of football altogether, because he certainly had the correct ideas about how

attacking football should be played.

He had his Kilmarnock team going forward all the time in a refreshing manner but, alas, the back door was left open too often and Kilmarnock slid into the relegation trap.

Fernie moved out to allow Sneddon, a former Kilmarnock midfielder of supreme range and vision, a chance to express himself. Possibly they are not as adventurous as they were in Fernie's day, but they have survived.

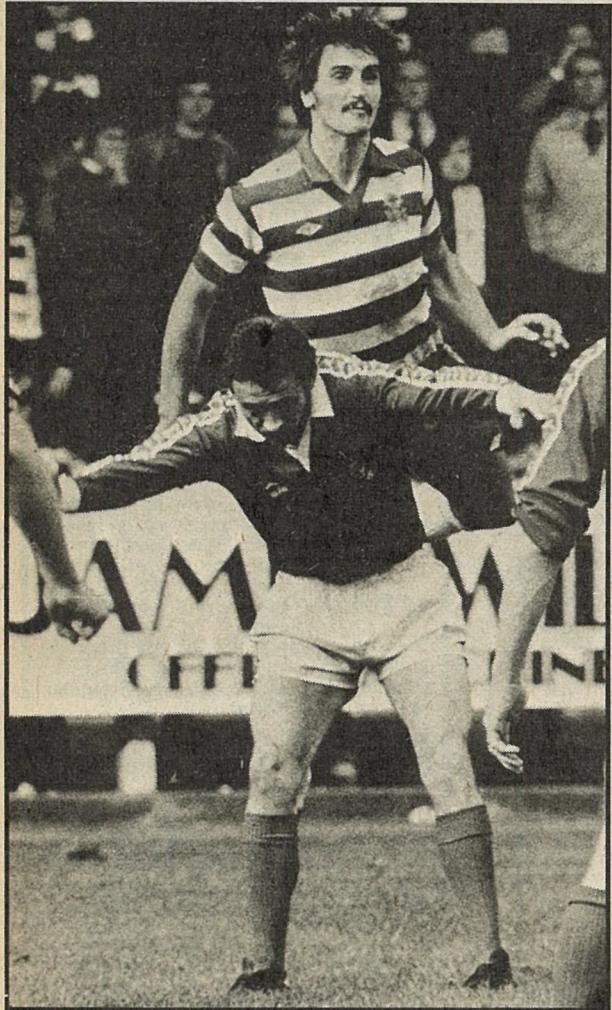
Now they want to build on that foundation. They deserve better luck than they have had recently. Goalkeeper Alan McCulloch, now firmly established in Jock Stein's international plans, recently broke an ankle playing against Morton and that is undoubtedly a blow to Sneddon.

Challenges

"You've got to hope that your luck levels out throughout a season," says Sneddon. "I sincerely hope that is the case. I consider Alan to be the best goalkeeper in Scotland."

So, Kilmarnock, formed in 1869, are gearing themselves for the next challenges of the present. They want to rid themselves of the 'club next door' image and that will not be done easily.

Glancing through their history books you find that the player who scored most goals for them in one season is a gentleman by the name of Peerie Cunningham with 35 in 1927!



Derrick McDicken (left) has proved a formidable central defender for Kilmarnock, and it is not surprising that he has become the subject of much transfer speculation. Paul Clarke (above) turns in triumph after netting Kilmarnock's first goal in a 2-1 League Cup victory over Dunfermline.



Celtic's Davie Provan (above) and Iain McCulloch (below) of Notts County have both been sold by Kilmarnock in recent seasons.





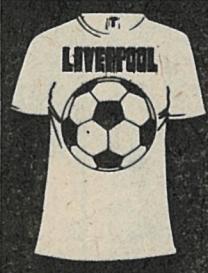
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PAUL GODDARD
(West Ham)

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Mark Parkin, Blackheath

NOT at all. The best of luck to Clive, and I am pretty certain that I will be joining him in the First Division next season with West Ham. I have always admired the attacking football manager John Lyall encourages, and they seemed to be perfectly suited to my type of game. Certainly our start to the season has confirmed my first impression that West Ham must be one of the favourites to gain promotion, and I am looking forward to playing my part in that challenge.

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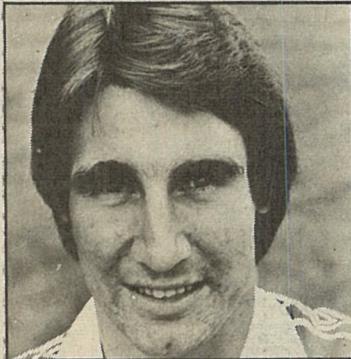
TREVOR FRANCIS
(Nottingham Forest)

Which is the best side you've ever played against?

P. Green, Worksop.

EVEN though they spoilt my England debut, the Dutch team which beat us 2-0 at Wembley in 1977 was out of this world. Led by Johan Cruyff, they showed what I call total improvisation. One minute Cruyff would be centre-

forward; the next on the left side of midfield. It was a great occasion for me, but Holland made it their night. That was a very special Dutch side, although the recent European Championship showed that they've slipped back a lot since then.



BEST BOOTS

MARK HIGGINS
(Everton)

What kind of boots do you wear, how many pairs do you have and do you have a favourite pair?

John Newton, Birkenhead.

IWEAR Adidas boots, size 8½. They cost over £30 in the shops, although I don't pay for them. I have four pairs, which I wear alternately. I like to keep them all 'run in'. I train in them first until they're really soft and fitting my foot — and then I use them in a League game.

I am not superstitious enough to wear the same pair of boots because I've had a brilliant game against Kenny Dalglish or someone.

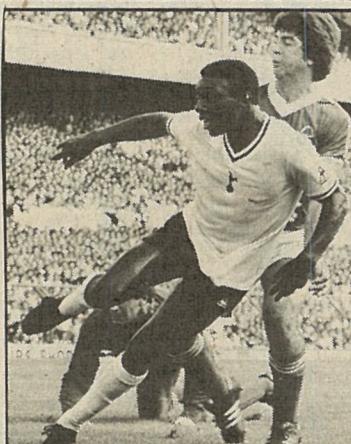
DEBUT GOAL

GARTH CROOKS
(Tottenham)

Would you say that the goal you scored on your Tottenham debut against Nottingham Forest was the best you have ever managed?

Christine Kelly, Portsmouth.

IDON'T know about that Christine, but it was certainly my most satisfying. Most of my goals are just a quick shot, but with this one I had to keep control of the ball and not lose my head at the vital moment. When I was at Stoke, I used to practice my shooting against Peter Shilton, and because I was so aware of his marvellous agility, I didn't hit it first time as I would normally have done. Instead I kept the ball as close as possible, and dribbled it round Peter. Fortunately my plan worked and we beat Forest 2-0.



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BOBBY HOUSTON
(Kilmarnock)

I would like to know which team you supported when you were at school, and who were your favourite players?

Tom Watson, Kilmarnock.

AS a matter of fact Tom, there were quite a few... the entire Celtic first team that won the European Cup in 1967! I don't mind admitting that I was a bit of a Celtic fan when I was a youngster and I popped along to Parkhead as often as I could to see them in action. They had so many good players such as Jimmy Johnstone, Tommy Gemmell, Billy McNeill, Bobby Murdoch. I really admired the midfield play of Bertie Auld, who, ironically, was my boss at Firhill when I played for Partick Thistle!



PROMOTION CLINCHER

DAVIE HAYES
(Morton)

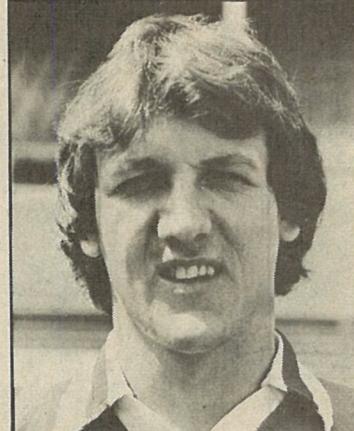
What has been your most treasured moment in football?

Tom Lee, Greenock.

THAT'S an easy one, Tom. I'll never forget a goal I scored against Airdrie that helped Morton clinch the First Division title three seasons ago and put us into the Premier. We were losing 1-0 at the time in a game where we had to draw if we were to take the Championship.

There wasn't long to go when I ventured into attack. As a right-back I don't score that many goals, so every one must count. Anyway, I got into Airdrie's half and sneaked up on the blindside when a cross came over from the left.

I arrived at the edge of the box just in time to let fly with my right and the shot bounced into the net. Actually, I'll let you into a secret, Tom... I didn't connect properly. However, in it went and it must have inspired the other lads because we went on to win 3-1.



FEW STRONG-ARM TACTICS

ALAN YOUNG
(Leicester)

What is the biggest difference between defenders in the First and Second Divisions?

Nigel Donovan, Burton-on-Trent.

THEY don't let you score in the First Division! But seriously, Nigel, the First Division defenders are a lot more subtle than those I played against last season in the Second. If they couldn't get the ball, they would have no hesitation in bringing you down, which is something the First Division defenders very rarely do. You are always aware of their presence, but they manage to keep a close eye on you without resorting to the strong-arm stuff.

AMONN Collins ran on to the pitch at Bloomfield Road in the Anglo-Scottish Cup clash against Kilmarnock and straight into the history books.

For at 14 years and 323 days, five feet four inches tall and weighing just eight stones eight pounds, the skinny little Dubliner is the youngest player in the 91-years history of the Football League.

His boss, Alan Ball, another international mini-marvel said: "He was the talk of Dublin. He has talents you just can't teach footballers.

"His size is no bar to success — it wasn't with me."

And dynamite Eamonn isn't the only pint size sensation.

Another mini-marvel making a real impact this season is Ipswich Town's Eric Gates, at just 5ft 5ins one of the smallest forwards in the game.

But lack of inches certainly hasn't proved any problem for Eric, whose goals this season have not only helped Ipswich to the top of the table, but also earned his full England debut against Norway at Wembley in September.

Football is dominated by the small guys, and they're bringing hope for the would-be stars kicked out of their school and youth club teams because they are too small.

Eamonn is the latest of the pocket size stars.

"I don't have too many problems with my size, but I did get knocked about in the Kilmarnock game," he said.

"I find I can wriggle in and out of spaces better than most because I am small."

How did he feel about his first senior game?

"It was great. The first thing I did was to ring my dad and tell him. He was over the moon about it."



ABOVE: Eric Gates has been a tiny terror for Ipswich this season.

LEFT: Lou Macari, Manchester United's diminutive striker.

RIGHT: Kenny Sansom's lack of inches has not hampered his international career.



Eric Gates - one of this season's MINI

four inches, Flynn is a feared man. He's frightened of nobody.

His former Burnley team-mate Colin Waldron, one of the hard men of the game, said: "Being tackled by Brian Flynn is like running into a brick wall. No matter how big you are he'll come after you. He's one I used to think twice about when I tackled him, even though he was half my size."

But the Leeds United star is a quiet man away from the action.

Stan Cummins, 21, five feet five inches tall and nine stones two pounds, has had a recent three goal run, all scored with his head.

"The only trouble with my height is the high balls, but those at my head height are no problem.

His tip: "Other youngsters have to be determined and they'll get the chance."

Little big star, Kenny Sansom has one of the longest throws in football. Lou Macari's timing, despite his lack of height, makes him one of the best headers of the ball in the game.

Welshman Brian Flynn is one of the most fearsome tacklers in the sport.

"I see speed and mobility as my main advantages," he said.

"I thought I'd get pushed around more than I do. But it isn't as physical a game as I thought it would be.

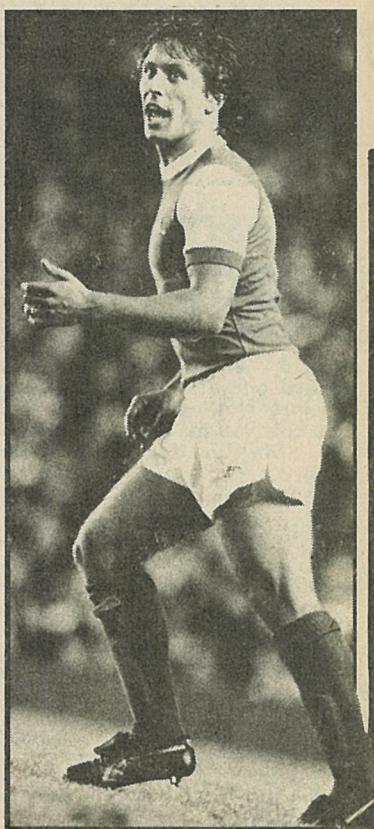
"I normally push back and use my weight — what there is of it," he joked.

"The thing is to be confident when you're small. Confident to tackle and pass the ball," he explained.

"At school I was told that I didn't have the right attitude and was too small anyway, but I was never really that interested in football at infant school and it wasn't until my brother pushed me into it at 13 that I became interested."

He added: "I really wanted to be an artist."

Even at 11 stones and five feet



"As far as I am concerned, being small is an advantage. I can nip into spaces the big men can't get to," he said.

To all those kids pitched out of their school teams because of their size, Stan says: "Take no notice and prove them wrong." He did.

"The only place where the little men are at a disadvantage is on a big pitch like Wembley, where the taller players can keep going for longer," said the Sunderland striker.

"I've never thought of being any taller. Anyway, it's too late now," he said.

Little Lou Macari, Manchester United's Scottish international reckons it's a myth that you have to be six feet six inches and 13 stones.

"Small players have the mobility the big ones don't. Their height means they can't move and turn as well as the smaller players.

"There is no great disadvantage in being small, but many advantages. We can squeeze through tiny gaps.

"Being a small player means we get noticed too.

"For instance, Stan Cummins stands out in the crowd because he is so small.

"People don't expect us to play so well, so anything we do manage is noticed."

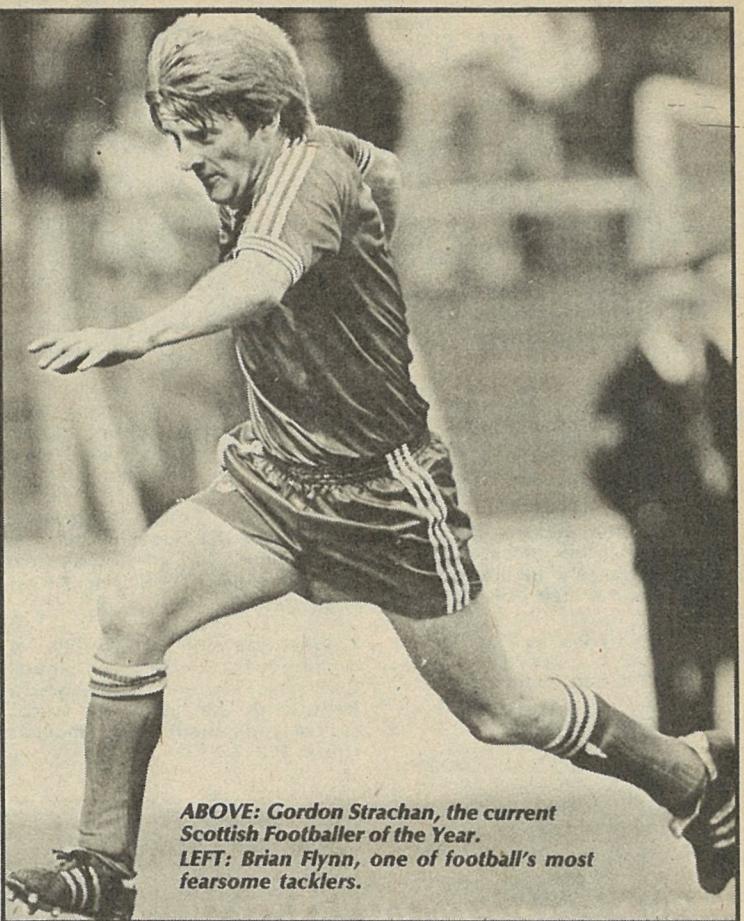
Like all players, Lou doesn't like to be shoved around, so even at five feet five inches and ten stones ten pounds, he still pushes back.

"Sometimes we get sympathy for being so small, but more often than not we are treated the same as the big men."

He doesn't think size should be a problem for the youngster wanting to get into the game.

Lou cites soccer in the USA as an example.

"Over there it is a game for



ABOVE: Gordon Strachan, the current Scottish Footballer of the Year.
LEFT: Brian Flynn, one of football's most fearsome tacklers.

MARVELS



everyone, all shapes and sizes. Someone my size wouldn't stand a chance in an American football game or a baseball match."

His message to the kids is that size mustn't put you off.

"In Scotland everyone is small, just look at the schoolboy internationals, the English boys look like men and the Scots boys look like lads."

Mightiest midget of them all is Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan, Scotland's goal hero in their recent World Cup qualifier against Sweden.

Little Strachan, just five feet four inches tall with bright red hair

epitomises the mini stars.

"They breed us wee in Scotland," says Gordon, "so we don't consider it unusual being small."

"The main disadvantage I find is that I keep getting bashed in the face by the bigger players.

"I've had a lot of black eyes and at the moment I've got a damaged nose because of an elbow in the face from a brawny defender. It was accidental, though.

"I'm nippier and can turn defenders because of my size."

Being small is often a big advantage to soccer's mini-marvels.



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GEORGE Wood wants to be a good goalkeeper again. He joined Arsenal as understudy to Pat Jennings with that aim.

The former Scottish international wants to play for his country again. But one thing at a time. Pat Jennings' shirt at Arsenal is his first priority.

"I'm not going to be content playing second fiddle to Pat," says big George, who made his debut for Arsenal against Middlesbrough on September 20th because Jennings was injured.

"I came here knowing full well that I would have to bide my time. But only until I am ready. Then I would expect Terry Neill to give me a chance."

Wood is under the expert eye of Bob Wilson, BBC commentator and former Arsenal 'keeper, who doubles as a specialist coach at Highbury these days.

"Bob will make me a good goalkeeper again," says Wood. "His knowledge is amazing. Joining Arsenal and having the chance to work with Bob is the best thing that could have happened to me.

"The training here is hard. Nothing like I was used to at Everton, but it's very enjoyable. It struck me that once I had got going here, I had wasted my time at Goodison Park. Nobody seemed

'I'm no second-rater'

SAYS GEORGE WOOD

to bother about the goalkeepers there."

Wood joined The Gunners in August this year, shortly after Paul Barron had moved out, with Clive Allen, to Crystal Palace. He had refused a new contract at Everton during the summer.

"It would be unfair to say they offered me a new contract," says Wood. "They offered me a token

rise which inferred they wanted me to go.

"When Gordon Lee bought Jim McDonagh from Bolton that helped me make a very difficult decision. I had to go, little though I wanted to."

But just as Wood was sorting out his future with Arsenal, Lee, at the time with a goalkeeping problem because of an injury to his second-choice Martin Hodge, called Wood into see him.

"He offered me new terms," says Wood. "He wanted me to stay on a monthly contract as cover to McDonagh. What he offered was fantastic. Had he done the same a few months earlier I would still have been an Everton player. But it was too late."

Wood originally joined Everton from Blackpool in the summer of 1977 for £150,000. After two-and-a-half seasons as an ever-present, he lost his place to Hodge midway through last season.

"I deserved to be dropped," says

Wood. "I wasn't playing well. But never once did I storm into see the boss and demand a move.

"I kept my nose to the grindstone and worked at my game. It wasn't easy."

Wood's determination was rewarded with a recall at the back end of the season. He played four more games. At Goodison in a critical game against Southampton he saved a Mike Channon penalty which inspired his team-mates to a 2-0 win. His form in those last few games was good enough to keep Everton in the First Division.

"It's all in the past now," says Wood. "I know that I have the basics. With the aid of Bob Wilson and Arsenal I can claw my way back to the top. At 27 I have plenty of time left, though none to waste. The priorities are Arsenal and Scotland, in that order."

And Wood has certainly been making up for lost time. After that initial 2-1 reverse at Middlesbrough, he continued to deputise for Jennings, helping Arsenal to a 3-1 League Cup win at Stockport followed by two clean sheets in the League victories over Nottingham Forest and Leicester at Highbury.

Wood makes a spectacular save for Everton against Manchester City at Maine Road.



THE darkness which engulfed Molineux and allowed Dutch aristocrats PSV Eindhoven an unexpected but badly needed respite would have been enough to break the heart and spirit of lesser men than John Barnwell.

Wolves' manager saw his struggling team recapture the form which made them such formidable opponents last season and pin Eindhoven to their own goalposts in a marvellous UEFA Cup First Round, second-leg on October 1.

PSV arrived with a 3-1 first-leg lead and a team top-heavy with Dutch internationals. Wolves, in total contrast, were punch-drunk after six defeats in a row. But on the night it was Wolves who looked like ending a nightmare start to the season . . . until the floodlights blew and totally disrupted their momentum.

A Mel Eves goal gave them ultimate victory, but PSV staggered home with a 3-2 aggregate victory, leaving Barnwell and his bitterly disappointed players in a well of

darkness that not even floodlights could dispel.

But Barnwell, who the day before underwent a final hospital visit as a result of last year's terrifying car crash, smashed the atmosphere of gloom with characteristic boldness.

"I know what people are thinking," he said, "that this is the end of our season already. But they could not be more wrong. This is just the beginning."

"The players were a credit to themselves, this club and English football against PSV. They gave everything and then more. But in the end it was a case of two penalties — the one PSV got in Holland that should never have been awarded and the one we did not get when John Richards was brought down inside their box at

Molineux.

"Naturally the players are feeling down and very flat. But it is my job to lift them. I don't believe that will be too difficult."

"Yes, we lost six games on the trot and that type of statistic looks bad on paper. But I have been heartened by the way we have played in most of these games. Results have gone against us by the odd goal in some cases, but it is the way a team plays that counts."

"Our side against PSV was our strongest, yet that was the first time this season that I have been able to field that side. Injuries have forced a lot of team changes and while this is not an excuse, it is a fact that only a settled team can achieve the type of consistency we had last season."

happening here that it would take hours to explain it all. We are working towards a specific target, to gear this club for success. This takes time and a lot of work, on and off the park. We are getting the basics right. Without doing that your foundations are unstable and nothing lasts.

"Look at the Liverpool system. Everything is geared towards one aim. Every part of the club is working in unison.

"For us the season is just starting. We have gone through a rough spell and are out of two competitions. But I have seen enough to know that we have a lot to offer from here on in."

One of the most interesting aspects of Wolves' recent history is the number of players who have stayed with the club through thick

A NEW START

For all that, the statistics make grim reading. Wolves, League Cup winners last season — beating European Champions Nottingham Forest 1-0 at Wembley in the Final — and sixth in the First Division, looked good bets for the title chasing pack.

But they entered October fourth from bottom of the table with five points from eight games and only five goals from those games, the lowest tally in the table.

This is difficult to understand when one looks at the calibre of player on the clubs books — men like Andy Gray, John Richards, Mel Eves and Ken Hibbett — players with proven goalscoring records.

Already their hopes of another League Cup challenge have been dashed by Second Division Cambridge United who won 3-1 at home then 1-0 at Molineux in the Second Round! With the UEFA Cup another First Round exit, where does that leave a club committed to expensive ground redevelopment?

Barnwell said: "There is so much

and thin. Five of the players who helped win the League Cup in 1974 were involved in last season's triumph along the way. John Richards, John McAlle, Geoff Palmer, Derek Parkin and Kenny Hibbett have been with Wolves long enough to make a total of 1,600 League appearances between them. And this figure excludes European ties, F.A. Cup, League Cup, Anglo-Italian and Texaco competitions!

The loyalty factor is a very important one, but there is also the argument that perhaps they have become type-cast Wolves.

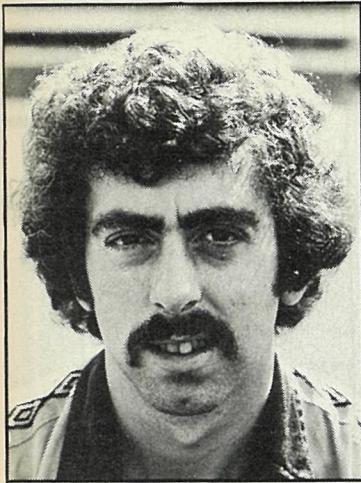
Equally relevant is the age factor. While everything else at Molineux is being pushed towards a new, more successful era, many members of the team have grown up together and are approaching their 30's together. So the introduction of youngsters is of prime importance.

Mel Eves has already made his mark up-front and Wayne Clarke, youngest of the famous five brothers, has already displaced



ABOVE: Colin Brazier is ready to make the breakthrough.
FAR RIGHT: Willy Van der Kuylen scores from the spot for PSV in the UEFA Cup.





Sammy Chung.

The League Championship has never been seriously contended. But UEFA Cup and League Cup Finals, plus a run of beaten League Cup and F.A. Cup Semi-Finals, have all been achieved. The problems arose when Chung and his players became stuck in a rut. There seemed no way Wolves could avoid yet another relegation blow in season 1978-79 and when Barnwell took over the side lay 20th in the table, lacking confidence and inspiration.

They responded to the man's dynamic personality and demanding standards, stayed up against all predictions and went on to shake many experts last season.

LEFT: Defender Geoff Palmer.

FOR WOLVES

John Richards on more than one occasion. Colin Brazier is proving a versatile asset, playing in defence and midfield when called upon, while young Dubliner, Hugh Atkinson burst on the scene last season and scored a fine goal in a 3-1 win at Coventry.

There is no getting away from the fact that the backbone of the current team comprises players who have tasted droplets of success and felt the crushing blows of relegation under managers Bill McGarry and

winning no less than ten of their away games in the First Division. But now it seems as if that familiar rut and familiar faces have found each other again.

Barnwell, however, takes the positive view. "I have said in the past that if players were not prepared to do things the way Richie Barker and I want them done, then we will attempt to get players who will.

"But when I see the progress being made by, for example, Rafael Villasanz, it is very exciting. I signed the boy for only £140,000.

and he is already six months ahead of the time I thought he would require to settle into our game.

"I played him in midfield at the start to help him get used to the pace of the English game. But I have always known that his place is at the heart of the defence. He is skilful, strong, mobile and possesses a remarkable temperament. The lad wants to play in England and once said 'The rest of Continental football is for babies.' He is going to become something very special.

"Andy Gray is playing out of his skin and is without doubt the best centre-forward in Britain. You can sense that once a little bit of luck goes his way he will bury the goals.

"It is all too easy to adopt a

negative attitude because of a poor start. But we know what we can do. And that is what matters. We have come a long way in a short time. Perhaps it is understandable that people expect us to continue without as much as a stutter, but every team encounters injury problems and small runs of rough form. Hopefully we have already completed that run.

"It will be interesting to see how we stand at the end of this season. I for one have no doubts."

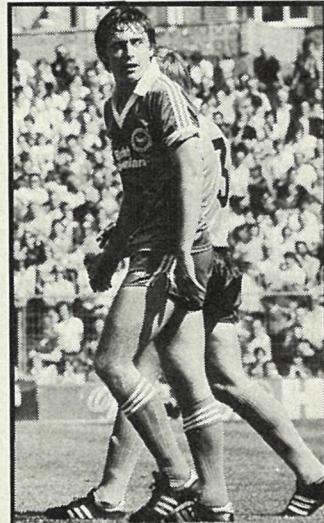
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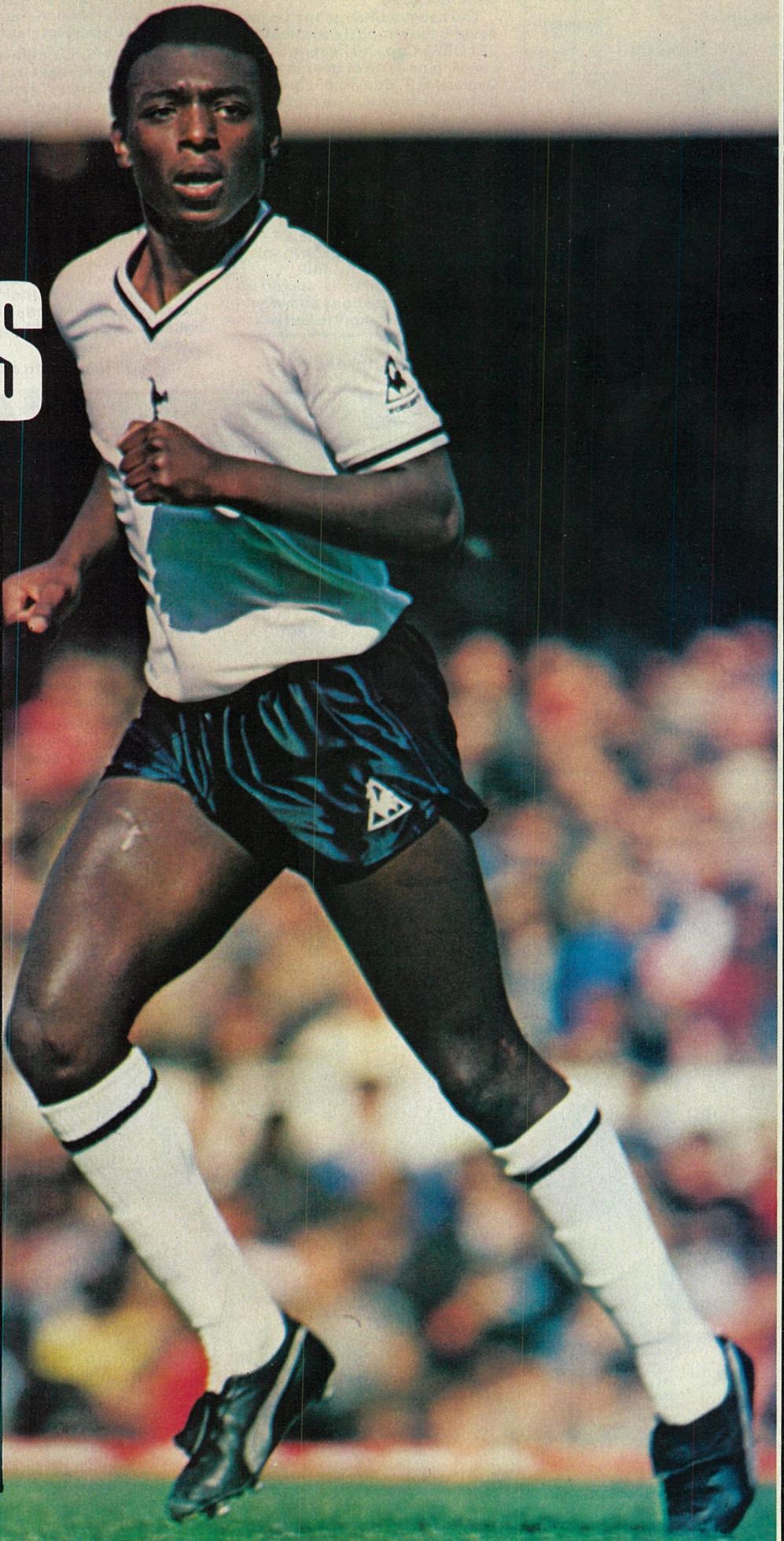
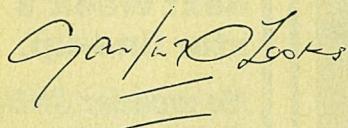
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